



“Anticipating Joy”

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(2 Corinthians 9:8) God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

As a child, I remember the joy of opening presents under the Christmas tree. I felt joy even before knowing what was inside the gift. That’s because I knew the giver. I knew my parent’s goodness and generosity. I could only expect good things underneath the ribbons and wrappings, even if it’s socks. (I eventually learned to appreciate the gift of socks, but it took a while.)

No matter what season of life it may be, we can feel joy even before we know what’s inside life’s daily gifts. That’s because we know the Giver. We have a good and generous God, so we can expect only good things from him (even if it’s socks).

There’s an odd truth about joy. The more you give away, the more you have. When we truly trust God as the Provider of all our needs, we become more generous with others. And the more generous we are with others, the more joy we feel. You will also strengthen your *anticipation* of joy. It’s what makes Christmas such a joy-full season. But why limit it to just one holiday. As we practice generosity now, we can anticipate a more joyful year ahead. Try it!

