

## A Cheerful Giver Is He

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Before you start rolling your eyes because you think you have heard this sermon too many times, this writing is not focused on financial giving. Financial giving can be part of this but it is not the main focus. The focus of this writing is giving out of our hearts just as God has given to us out of His Heart.

We have all heard multiple sermons regarding the verse "God loves a cheerful giver". Some have heard it so much that they begin to turn a deaf ear towards it. Some do not wish to preach on this because they feel it is played out. This message is not played out but it has been overused without fresh insight in most cases. We should not fault any person for this. We, as the Body, lack understanding in many things of God. This is one of those examples.

If you look at the context surrounding the actual "God loves a cheerful giver", you will see exactly what He is trying to say.

**2 Corinthians 9:6-8 - But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.**

Did you see it? "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity." What does that mean? That means when we give of ourselves for His Kingdom we are to do it without complaining, with joy in our heart, because we desire to give, but not because we have to. Sure, there are things we do Kingdom work that we have to. Also, there are times we do things out of desperation or that we don't want to do because we are growing in an aspect of the work. This does not mean we are to stay in the place of complacency. We are to grow to a point where we do things, even the things our flesh doesn't want to do, simply out of our love and fear of the Lord. Remember, fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 1:7; 9:10). Verse 8 of the above passage says we are given everything we need to do the work God calls us to do.

Jesus is our example in all things. It was out of His desire to do Father God's will and His love for us that He gave everything He was (Matthew 26:39; Hebrews 12:2)

God the Father gave us His Son as The Sacrifice for each and every one of us (including those not yet in the Kingdom). God the Father also desires to give us every part of The Kingdom joyfully.

**Luke 12:32 - "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.**

Whether it be financial, through teaching, through preaching, through artwork, through music, through the gift of helps, through speaking, or any other gifts/talents God has bestowed upon any and every one of us, we are to give/use our gifts/talents for the advancement of God's Kingdom cheerfully. He is the One Who placed all these gifts/talents within us. He did not do that because He had to but because He chose to.

If you are not joyful in a task given to you by our Lord through Holy Spirit, search your heart and cry out to Father God as to why. He will show you what lies within your own heart. It is your choice to hear what He says to you or not. Do everything for Him and Him alone; He will take care of the rest.

Bless us all in what God has given us for the purposes of His Kingdom.

Let the following video and song reveal what is in your heart. We only have today to use yesterday and prepare for tomorrow. There is no kind of time than the time we have right now. Use it wisely and joyfully and remain a cheerful giver just as our Lord is a Cheerful Giver.

**<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=v6jlygeTMaY>**

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