



## Life Group Sermon Study Notes

### “Amazing Grace: The Cheerful Giver”

Carlos Antonio – January 19, 2020

#### Warm-Up (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question below to answer or ask another. No right or wrong answers.

- What is the greatest gift someone has ever given you? (Other than Christ and the cross.)
- Was there ever a time you felt happy to give a gift? Who was it for, and what did you give?

#### Word (10-15 minutes)

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**2 Corinthians 9:6-11** “6 *The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*”

- Galatians 6:7-9 says that “*God is not mocked, whatever a man sows that he shall also reap.*” The principle of reaping and sowing applies to both good and evil; material and spiritual. In the context of this passage, Paul is talking specifically about being generous with material wealth.

“7 *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*”

- Generosity starts with the heart. The revelation of God and His generosity spurs us on to be generous as well. Just as God gave His only Son so that we could be saved we begin to think of our generosity as an act of worship to God. We become cheerful givers.

“8 *And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.*”

- The grace of God to have all sufficiency in all things at all times is for the sake of the Kingdom. Resources become increasingly available to the one who faithfully stewards them for good works.

“10 *He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.* 11 *You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.*”

- God provides the very seed for sowing and food for eating. The purpose of being enriched is to become generous in every way so that both the giver and the receiver will have cause to thank God. We become generous as we continually receive the grace of God over our lives.

*“The Key to generosity is God’s grace.” -Carlos Antonio –*

### **Conclusion**

Whatever God has done for us we are encouraged to do for others. God is a generous giver. John 3:16 reminds us that God gave us His Son for our salvation. Indeed, the scriptures tell us in Hebrews 12:2 that Christ joyfully endured the cross on our behalf not because the cross was pleasant, but because of what it meant for us. The hope of our salvation. Because Christ sowed His life bountifully, He has reaped a harvest across the ages of people who are redeemed from the Kingdom of darkness into His marvelous light. We must likewise follow His example and cheerfully sow bountifully into the kingdom, and God promises that we will reap a bountiful harvest.

### **Discussion (10-15 minutes)**

**Choose one of the points below and discuss how the lesson applies to our lives.**

- What does this saying mean? “Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, but whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”
- What does it mean to be a cheerful giver?

### **Prayer (10-15 minutes)**

**Pray for any of the following, as well as other requests you may have.**

- Thank God for His generosity over our lives.
- Ask God in what areas can we become more generous.
- Ask God for a heart of worship in our giving.