

## **“MANY BLESSINGS!”**

**(2Corinthians 9:1-15)**

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### **I. The blessing of meeting NEEDS.**

Are you **EAGER** to give? There are two primary heartbeats when it comes to meeting the needs of others. The first is, “I need to take care of **MYSELF** and mine. Let them figure it out for themselves.” The second is, “What can I do?”

The second group have figured out a great truth: it is greater to give than receive!

### **II. The blessing of PREPAREDNESS.**

It seems to be in most people's DNA to wait until the last minute – to **PROCRASTINATE**.

Paul helps us to see the importance of looking **AHEAD** – of being prepared.

### **III. The blessing of SPIRITUAL truth.**

A farmer never says to himself, “I think I'll hold back on planting this year, and just hope for the best.”

**No!** A farmer understands that he needs to sow **PLENTY** of seed to have the best chance for a good crop. This is a **SIRITUAL** life lesson.

The person who makes a habit of giving very little, can expect very **LITTLE** in the way of blessings.

On the other hand, the personal rewards are **GREAT** for those who habitually give generously.

The greatest test is what is in the giver's **HEART**. It is simply a fact that those who develop the **HABIT** of generosity are blessed of God.

**IV. The blessing of God's GENEROSITY.**

It is **GOD** who gives us our resources and it is He who creates the grace of giving within us. God has our best interest at heart and his promises are true: ... *having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ... he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.*

**Generous people have been shown to lead happier, more FULFILLING lives.**

**A simple truth: It is the DECISION and not the DOLLAR that creates the giver.**

**V. The blessing to those who GIVE.**

**The giver stimulates something beautiful in themselves and others: THANKFULNESS to God. We tend to throw away such thoughts, but we should never underestimate the importance of thanksgiving.**

**VI. The blessing to those who RECEIVE.**

**Those who receive because of the generosity of others are CERTAINLY blessed. And that leads to:**

**VII. The blessing to the KINGDOM of God.**

**God used the generosity of people to make his Kingdom GROW. He still does so today.**

**Are YOU a part of that blessing?**

**Are YOU generous?**

**Are YOU blessed?**