

St. Paul's Notes

GOD'S WAY OF MEETING MY NEEDS

50 Days of Faith

November 1, 2009

"My God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:19

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-13

I. WHEN YOU HAVE A NEED,

"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

2 Corinthians 9:6

God: *"My ways are not your ways"* Isaiah 55:8

MAN'S WAY: Borrow! Work more! Beg or steal!

GOD'S WAY: _____

"Give to others, and God will give to you... The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you." Luke 6:38 (GN)

II. GIVE WITH THE _____

"You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully." 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT)

HOW WE ARE TO GIVE:

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"...make up your own mind..."
- _____
"... not reluctantly..."
- _____
"... not in response to pressure..."
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"God loves the person who gives cheerfully"
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*"On every Lord's Day put aside some from what you have earned **during the week,** and use it for the offering."*

1 Corinthians 16:2 (LB)

HOW CAN I GIVE CHEERFULLY?

1. Remember _____

“He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed...” 2 Corinthians 9:10

2. Remember _____

“You will be enriched so that you can give even more generously!” 2 Corinthians 9:11 (NLT)

3. Remember _____

“Use your worldly resources to benefit others... In this way, your generosity stores up a reward for you in heaven.” Luke 16:9 (NLT)

III. EXPECT GOD TO MEET _____

“God is able to make ALL grace abound to you, so that in ALL things at ALL times, having ALL that you need, you will abound in EVERY good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8

WHY IS MY GIVING SO IMPORTANT TO GOD?

*“It is a proof of your faith! People will praise God because you obey the gospel you say you believe and because you freely share with them and others.
2 Corinthians 9:13 (NCV)*

*“Bring your whole tithe into the storehouse... Test me in this, says the Lord, and see if I will not throw open floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have enough room for it!”
Malachi 3:8-11*

“...We are saved because Jesus amazingly and out of sheer generosity moved to save us...” Acts 15:11 (The Message)

*“We all live off his generous bounty, gift after gift after gift.”
John 1:16 (The Message)*

*“Offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him...When you think of what He’s done for you, is this too much to ask?”
Romans 12:1 (NCV / LB)*