

Awesome Concert!



2nd Corinthians – Finding the *New*!

- * Where do you find comfort?
- * Where do you find hope?
- * Where do you find help?
- * Finding the 'new' in Jesus!

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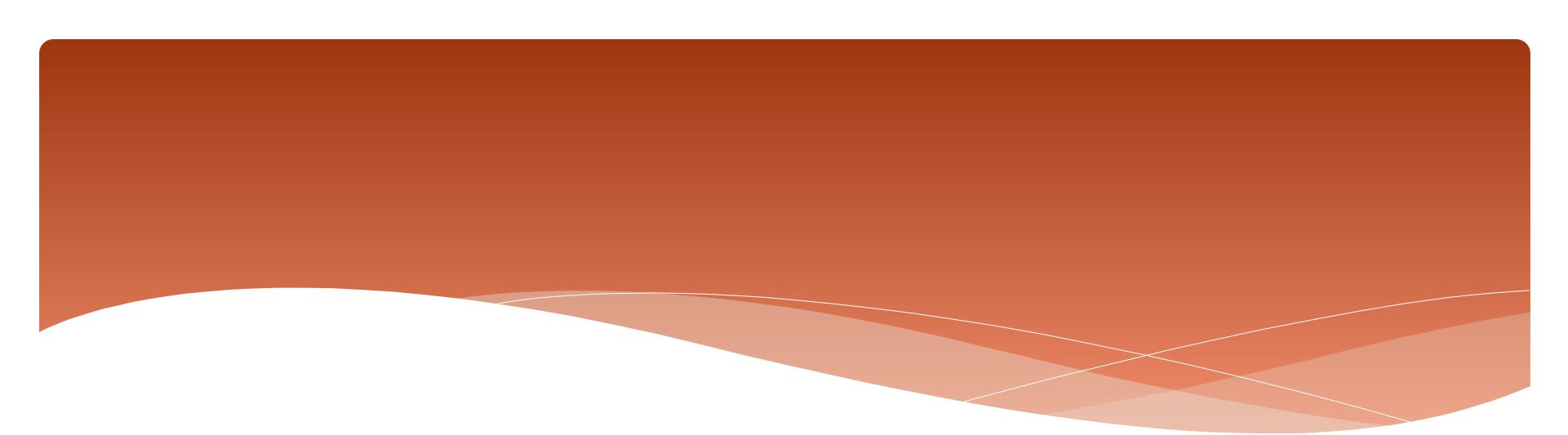
* Lesson 9 / Chap. 9: Biblical Giving, part 2

1. Eagerness & Enthusiasm
2. Life Principle: Sow = Reap
3. God loves what?
4. God's blessing = ALL
5. *Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!*

2 Corinthians 9, NIV

- * **There is no need for me to write to you about this service to the Lord's people. ² For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action.**

***³ But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you in this matter should not prove hollow, but that you may be ready, as I said you would be. ⁴ For if any Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we—not to say anything about you—would be ashamed of having been so confident.**



*** ⁵ So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given.**

***⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.**

*** ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written:**

*** “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever.”**

*** ¹⁰ Now 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. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.**

*** ¹² This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ,**

*** and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴ And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!**

1. Eagerness & Enthusiasm

- * ² For I know your eagerness to help, .. and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action.
- * How would someone describe you?
- * How do these characteristics give glory to God?
- * They demonstrate genuine faith

2. Life Principle: Sow = Reap

- * ⁶ Remember this:
- * Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
- * and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.
- * Who is the most generous?
- * 'You can't out give God'

3. God loves what?

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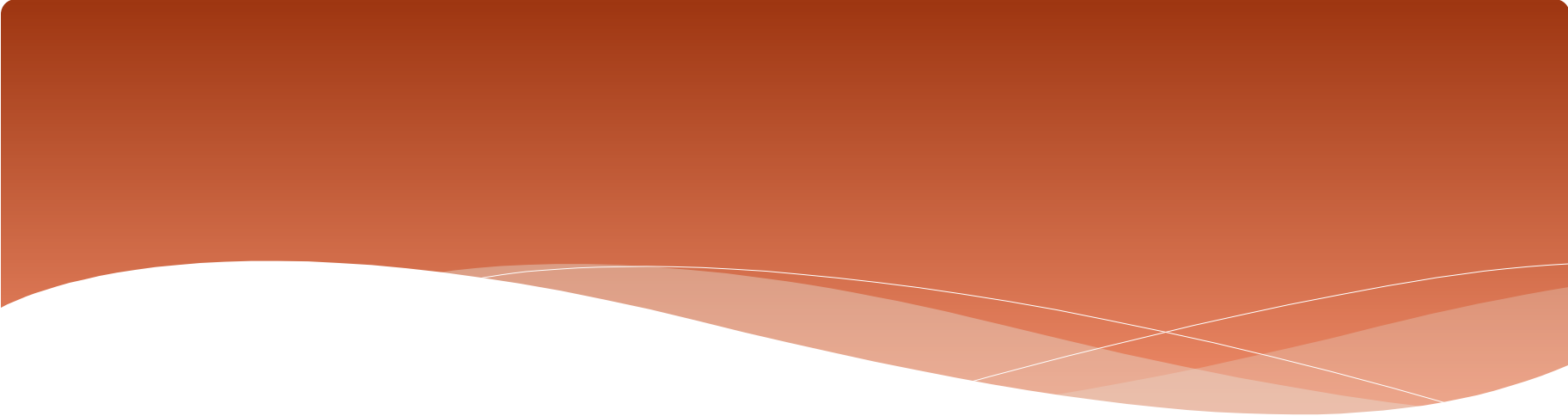
- * ¹⁵ *Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!*
- * What is the best gift you have ever received?
- * Not always the size or value

* “I don’t understand much, but of this I am sure:

* ***He is with me***

* ***He is in me***

* ***And He is for me.***

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- * I cannot allow myself to think that I am poor when His presence makes me rich.
 - * I cannot tell myself that I am unable when He empowers me by grace.

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