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2 Corinthians 9:6-14

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**Motivation / Opportunity**

**Part 1 Review:** God owns it all; God gave you all you have; Give to all (even enemies); Be honest; Tend to what God gave you (stewardship); Give what you can regularly – plan to give; Real faith does works.

**2 Corinthians 9:6-14**

**(9:6) The Cause & Effect Equation in Giving** (Luke 6:38, Mathew 6:25-35, Galatians 6:7)

**(9:7) Giving is planned, personal, and rational** (Matt 8:18-22, Lk 9:57-62, Lk 14:25-35, James 1:5)

**(9:7) Giving is not with an obligatory attitude** (Proverbs 3:9-10, Duet 15:21, Duet 15:1-11)

**(9:7) God loves a cheerful giver** (Luke 21:1-4)

**(9:8-9) God is able & gives sufficiently** (Mal 3:10, Mark 6:30-44, Mathew 4:2-3)

**(9:8-9) Our needs are met for good works** (Galatians 6:1-10)

**(9:10-11) God supplies and increases to produce generosity and thanksgiving** (John 14:1-2, Ps 50:10)

***ASIDE: How much to give – (%)?***

* Luke 3:11 - Tunic
* Luke 19:8 - Zacchaeus
* Mark 12:41-44 - Widows offering
* Rom 12:1-2 - Living sacrifice
* Mathew 19:16-22 - Rich Young Man
* Luke 14:33 - Disciple

**(9:12) Our giving supports ministry & people** (Luke 10:7, 1 Cor 9:6-14, 1 Tim 5:17-18, 1 Cor 16:1-4)

**(9:13-14) God is glorified by our giving** (Luke 16:1-15)

* Obedience in giving proves our faith
* Generosity glorifies God
* Giving is part of community

**(9:15) God is the out-giver** (John 10:27-28, John 14:27)

**Greatest Motivation** (2 Cor 8:9, Mathew 13:44)

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