



II Corinthians 9:1

"There's no need for me to write to you about this service to the Lord's people."

Satan is masterful at delaying, if not derailing, our good intentions.

That is one of the reasons God provides the church with pastors: to expose the Enemy's tactics and ~ exhort believers to faithfulness.



Personal example is a Divine motivator for Kingdom action.

II Corinthians 9:3-5

"But I'm 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. 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. 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."

PRINCIPLES, PROMISES & PURPOSES PRINCIPLE

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." (Verse 6)

PRINCIPLES, PROMISES & PURPOSES



So each of you should give what you've decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (Verse 7)

"God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need..." (Verse 8)

PRINCIPLES, PROMISES & PURPOSES

PURPOSE

"you will abound in every good work. As it is written: 'They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.'" (Verse 8-9)

Your generosity with God's generosity will make you a pipeline of the Divine in the present... which will translate your earthly generosity into <u>eternal righteousness</u> in the age to come.



PRINCIPLES, PROMISES & PURPOSES

PRINCIPLE Promise Purpose

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed... vs 10

...and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way... vs 10-11

so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." vs 11

PRINCIPLES, PROMISES & PURPOSES: THE OUTCOME

"This service you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 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 everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"

II CORINTHIANS 9:12-15

YOUR GENEROSITY

FACT: YOUR GENEROUS GIVING DOES SOMETHING FOR YOU.

Increase: it enlarges your harvest Reward: it guarantees God's eternal favor Authentication: it proves your faith Support: it inspires intercession on your behalf Impact: It makes you a pipeline of the divine





YOUR GENEROSITY

FACT- YOUR GENEROUS GIVING DOES SOMETHING FOR <u>GOD</u>.

It makes prayers of thanksgiving go up to God's throne. It focuses non-believers on God's glorify. It makes your life a pipeline to the Divine.

YOUR GENEROSITY

FACT: YOUR GENEROUS GIVING DOES SOMETHING FOR <u>OTHERS</u>.

It supplies the chief need of humanity: **salvation.**

It makes you a pipeline for the Divine.



