

# TREASURE QUEST

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF THE HEART

## The Joy of a Generous Gift

It is the paradox of the Treasure Quest- to discover the indescribable treasure of God, we have to be willing to give up the things we call treasures. Yet, God's call on us to give is not usually directed at how much to give, but how to give it. God is deeply concerned with the heart of a giver. In fact, much of the power of giving is in what the gift does to our own hearts. Last week, we looked at God's call to give a willing gift. Being a willing giver leads to the next step- being a generous giver.

2 Corinthians 9 spells out an important spiritual principle. We will receive a return proportional to the degree of our investment. That doesn't necessarily mean that every dollar you give, you will get X dollars in return from God. It does mean that the more we invest in the kingdom, the more we will realize or reap a greater spiritual harvest. Our generosity ensures generous returns in the lives of people hearing the gospel, accepting Christ, being baptized and discipled to continue the work of the kingdom. It is Great Commission work.

God does not measure our generosity compared in amounts to the gifts of others. A child giving joyfully to God all of her small allowance that had been saved up for a special toy can out weigh thousands given out of the excess of a selfish heart.

### Questions to Think About

- What is your definition of generosity?
- Does your definition match the spirit of 2 Corinthians 9:6?
- When you think of giving generously, what is your heart reaction to the sacrifice?
- How could your giving change in order to better reflect this principle?



Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-7**

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