

## Psalm 112:9, 2 Corinthians 9:9 Grace, Generosity & Gratitude

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1 • 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. → Is the apostle giving us liberty to be as generous or selfish as we like? Interestingly, this verse is situated in the middle of a passage urging Christians to give generously (vv 6-15). How can this be?

2 Paul's point seems not to give license for selfishness, but to cultivate a love of generosity within his listeners. He does not want to "hold their hands" through the giving process. Rather, he wants them to feel free, creative and excited to give far beyond any specific percentage. → What do you think about the Christian's freedom to give whatever he chooses, even not at all?

3 → How much does it take to count as generous?

→ How can I better contribute to the Body of Christ?