

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for May 29, 2011

“The Giver that God Loves”
2 Corinthians 9:6-7

The giver that God approves or loves is characterized by what kind of giving according to 2 Corinthians 9:6-7?

The giver that God approves or loves is characterized by bountiful giving (2 Corinthians 9:6).

Paul’s statement in 2 Corinthians 9:6 offered a harvest to the bountiful sower, but based upon his own life experience, we should not conclude that the bountiful harvest will necessarily consist of greater material riches (Philippians 3:7-8 cf. 1 Corinthians 4:8-13).

The word translated “bountifully” (EULOGIA) in 2 Corinthians 9:6 is most often translated “blessing” and is the word from which we get the English word “eulogy.”

Paul’s choice of the word “blessing” (EULOGIA) in 2 Corinthians 9:5 to describe the collection reflects his earlier argument in 2 Corinthians 8:6-9 that the Corinthians’ giving is to be a response to God’s grace in their lives.

Based on the immediate context, those giving “sparingly” in 2 Corinthians 9:6 are not necessarily giving a little bit of money, rather they are not giving in response to God’s grace or as an expression of God’s grace.

Based on the immediate context, those giving “bountifully” in 2 Corinthians 9:6 are not necessarily giving a lot of money but what they do give will in fact be flowing from God’s grace.

Those who give in response to God’s grace and as an expression of God’s grace can expect to reap a harvest of grace.

The giver that God approves or loves is not only characterized by bountiful giving but also by cheerful giving (2 Corinthians 9:7).

May we by the grace of God be bountiful and cheerful givers to the praise of His glory.