

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for June 26, 2011

“Personal Benefits of Grace Giving”
2 Corinthians 9:9-10

What are the specific personal benefits of grace giving based on the words of Paul in 2 Corinthians 9:8-10?

The first personal benefit of grace giving is sufficiency (2 Corinthians 9:8).

The Greek word translated “sufficiency” (AUTARKEIA) literally means “contentment.”

The second personal benefit of grace giving is righteousness (2 Corinthians 9:9-10).

Paul in 2 Corinthians 9:9 was quoting Psalms 112:9.

The “he” that the Psalmist was referring to in Psalms 112:9 was the one in Psalms 112:1 “who fears the Lord” and “who greatly delights in His commandments.”

The Psalmist in 112:9 was clearly making a link between the man who fears the Lord and who delights in His commands and his subsequent action of scattering broadly or in other words giving generously to the poor.

When the Psalmist referred to “his righteousness” he was speaking of the specific acts of generosity that the man of Psalms 112:3 performed as he scattered broadly, as referenced in Psalms 112:9.

Generosity is not a means by which a man establishes his righteousness before God, but his righteousness before God will inevitably be manifested through his generosity (Psalms 112:1).

The point that Paul is seeking to make in 2 Corinthians 9:10 is that the God who supplies believers with what they need to be generous will also ensure that His provision brings about its desired consequences.

May we, as we experience the benefits of grace giving, be continuously moved to worship God and give Him the praise that He is due.