

# 2 CORINTHIANS

The Benefit of Inadequacy

# **2 Corinthians 9:1-15**

**“Cheerful Giving”**

*How can our giving be more like God's  
inexpressible gift?*

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*Also Readily and not Embarrassingly*

*Based on God’s Willingness toward Us*

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”  
– John 3:16

“...how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”  
– Hebrews 9:14

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.” – John 16:13

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*Also Dependently and Trustingly*

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“1 Praise the LORD!

Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,  
who greatly delights in his commandments! ...

3 Wealth and riches are in his house,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

4 Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;  
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

5 It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;  
who conducts his affairs with justice.

6 For the righteous will never be moved;  
he will be remembered forever.” — Psalm 112:1,3-6



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*Also Thankfully and Glorifying God together*

*Based on God’s Sharing Himself with All of Us*

*“God loves a cheerful giver.”*

*“Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!”*