



Joyful Giving
2 Corinthians
Chapter 8-9





Introduction

Example from the life of king David, 1 Chronicles 29:10-29. He was the model of Joyful giving. Statement of apostle Paul in 2 Co. 9:6-9. Above all the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself joyfully. 2 Co. 8:8-9

Purpose of Joyful Giving

To honor God. Pr. 3:10 and 2 Co. 9:11
To be obedient to God's word. Mal. 3:8-10 and Deut. 16:17

To meet the needs of others. 2Co. 9:12

To meet the needs of the house of God. Mal.3:10

Purpose of Joyful Giving

To encourage others to give. 2 Co. 9:1-2
To enjoy and receive God's blessing. Mal.3:10 and 2 Co. 3:11

Principles of joyful giving.

We should not give:

To show off to others. Mt. 6:1-4 Not for greed. Acts 8:18-23 Not under compulsion. 2 cor. 9:7 Not legalistically. Luke 18 Not with guilt.

Principles of joyful giving.

We should give:

First give your self to God. 2 Co. 8:7-9
Give generously 2 Co. 9:6 and Lk. 6:38
Give sacrificially 2 Co. 8:3-4 and Mk. 12:41-44
Give willingly 2 Co. 8:3-4

Principles of joyful giving.

Give with the right motives 1 Ch. 29:9,17

Give cheerfully 2 Co. 9:7

Give regularly 1Co. 16:2

Give gratefully 2 Co. 9:12

Give obediently 2 Co.9:13

Give in proportion to how God has given you. 1 Co. 16:2

and Dt. 16:10

Promise of God

When we give with joyful heart, God has promised us richness in everything. In 2 Co. 9:11, apostle Paul writes "You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Promise of God

In Malachi 3:10 God says, "Test me in this, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

God gives the same message to the nation of Israel through prophet Haggai.

Application

Example from the wilderness Reflect on God's gift to you. Remind yourself of God's promise regarding joyful giving.

Examine your heart Glorify God by being joyful giver.