

# *Evidence of a Giving Heart*

2 Corinthians 8:10-9:5

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1. Do you have a **GOD GIVEN** desire to give?
2. Do you have a **REALISTIC** giving **PLAN**?
3. Do you see your giving as something **GOD** is **PROVIDING** for you?
4. Can you **ENTRUST** your gift to **OTHERS** to use it wisely?
5. Is your **MOTIVE** to give, to bring **HONOR** to God alone?

## FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1 - 10 . Do you have a desire to give? What is the source / motivation of this desire? What are some of the things that keep us from fulfilling our desire to give?
2. Verses 10 – 12 give us some direction as to how to fulfill our desire to give. What is that direction? Discuss ways in which God can help you create a realistic plan to give. What are some unrealistic expectations we put on ourselves?
3. Have you ever considered that your giving also provides for you? Vs 13 – 15 talks of fairness. What kind of fairness should we expect when we give? (See also Romans 15:25 – 27)
4. Verse 15 and Exodus 16:16 – 20 talk about God supplying a fair amount of provisions. But what can we learn about God in these verses? What sin, that we all need to avoid, do these verses highlight?
5. Verses 16 – 24 talk about accountability and trustworthiness in leadership. Why is this important? Discuss ways Paul instilled confidence in the people of Corinth by the people he sent to collect their offering.
6. In 9:1 – 5, why is Paul concerned with the Corinthian church being ready when they arrive to collect their offering? What are some things that keep us from being ready and finishing what we promised to God?
7. When you consider motives behind your giving, why is honoring God alone important? Read 9:5 and Matthew 6:1 - 4

