

Growing God's Family Tree

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

1. God's family grows when we JOYFULLY what we have been given.
2. God's family grows as He supplies our every NEED all the TIME.
3. God's family grows as we THANK and GLORIFY Him with our GENEROSITY.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Share who led you to Christ. Do you know who led them to Christ? Knowing you are part of their spiritual family tree, how do you see **God's family tree growing through you?**
2. In verses 6 and 10, Paul refers to seed that we are to sow. Who supplied the seed? (1 Cor. 3:6 – 7 & 4:7) What are some of the seeds God has given you that He wants you to sow for His harvest? How do we do that, not reluctantly but, with joy? What are some things that rob us of joy when we give of our time and resources?
3. In verses 8 – 10, what has God supplied to you that He wants you to spread to the poor? Read Psalm 112, that is partially quoted in verse 9. Who are the poor and how do they contrast with those who are righteous?
4. Verse 10 says that God will supply all we need to increase the harvest of your righteousness, and verse 8 says He will give you the grace (gifts) to do that. Think about all you have. What tangible things could God be asking you to give away with joy that He has supplied to you. Why would it be wrong to keep them? (See also Matthew 25:14 – 30)
5. In verses 11 – 12, how does our thankfulness overflow into many thanksgivings to God? Can you think of ways you can display thankfulness that will overflow to others?
6. In verses 13 – 15, what should be at the core of all our giving (sowing)? And even when we are flat broke, what can we do for others that will grow God's family tree? (See also Isa. 55:10 – 11.)
7. Talk about one thing you can do this week, with joy, in order to allow God to grow His family?

"I **have** come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now. . . . **Come further up, come further in!**" — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle

