

Answer Key

INTRODUCTION:

- Reluctance
- Joy

1. PURPOSEFUL

- Sow
- Giving

2. PERSONAL

- Cheerful
- Heart

3. PROMISED

- Sufficiency
- Worry

Key Verse:

- decided, heart, cheerful

The Good News

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1)

The Bad News

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23)

The Ugly News

For the wages of sin is death, ... (Romans 6:23a)

The Great News

... but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(Romans 6:23a)

Guess What?

You can become a Christian right now and experience salvation and the gift of eternal life through God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ! Simply Pray this Prayer Right Now! **"God thank you for Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins. Thank you for receiving what Jesus did for me on the cross as payment for my sins. Please forgive me for my sins. Right now I accept Jesus into my heart and ask that he become my Savior and Lord! Amen!"**

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Romans 10:9–10)

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Sermon Notes



**God's Plan
for Giving**

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

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2 Corinthians 9:6–8 (ESV)

⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

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(Answer key located on back page)

Introduction:

Illustration: Two gift-givers at a birthday party: First giver shows _____, Second giver shows _____.

THREE PRINCIPLES OF BIBLICAL GIVING:

1. Practice _____ Planting (2 Corinthians 9:6)
 - Key truth: Like a farmer, we reap what we _____.
 - Application: Create a _____ plan for giving.
2. Pursue _____ Peace (2 Corinthians 9:7)
 - God loves a _____ giver.
 - Daily _____ check before giving.
3. Activate God's _____ Provision (2 Corinthians 9:8)
 - God provides _____ in all things.
 - Replace _____ with trust.

NOTES:

PERSONAL REFLECTION:

- My current giving reflects more of the _____ gift-giver.
- The biggest obstacle in my giving is:
- I feel most joyful when I give:

COMMITMENT: Today I commit to: (check one)

- ☐ Create a giving plan
- ☐ Give with a cheerful heart
- ☐ Trust God's provision fully
- ☐ Step up my giving by ____%

NEXT STEPS:

THIS WEEK:

- Start a "Daily Heart Check" each morning before work.

THIS MONTH:

- Set up automatic recurring giving through the church.
- Increase your giving by 1% (Step-Up Approach).

THIS YEAR:

- Share your giving testimony with one other person

KEY VERSE TO REMEMBER:

"Each one must give as he has _____ in his _____, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a _____ giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

