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"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." (Psalm 32:8)

This is one of the penitential psalms, so-called due to confession of sin. Here David reflects on his year of silence after his failure with Uriah and Bathsheba. He describes the pain and spiritual suffering of sin not confessed (verses 3-4). Then upon confession and repentance he is graciously restored, forgiven and cleansed by the Lord. He sings, "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity..." He continues praising the Lord over the glorious benefits of being made right with Him. One of those is guidance.

We are pilgrims sojourning this life on our way to eternity. Those outside of Christ are depicted as being on the broad way leading to destruction. They wander in darkness. They have no light. They are described by Jesus as "the blind leading the blind." They don't know where they are headed. "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Proverbs 16:25)

Jesus declares, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), and "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." (John 10:9) These are the privileges of those who are saved.

Our text tells us that God will guide His children. Notice the "I will" of this verse: "I will instruct thee and teach thee." "I will guide thee." Think of Who it is

making this offer. It is the One Who knows the end from the beginning. He sees all of time at one glance, from eternity past to eternity future. He knows every possible result of any choice we make. He has all power in heaven and in earth. He can do all things. Why wouldn't we seek His guidance?

But there are some obstacles to this amazing offer. All of them are on our part. Our stubbornness interferes with His guidance. We refuse to submit. We foolishly think what we desire is better than what He has for us. We most often are preoccupied with our choices, while He is most concerned with our character. The psalmist illustrates our stubbornness with a warning: "Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle." (verse 9) The horse desires to go wherever it wants to go. The mule doesn't want to go anywhere. Neither are profitable, and both are potentially dangerous.

Submitting to the Lord is the only sure path to take. He leads in paths of righteousness. His will is good and perfect. Why would we want anything else?

Our verse tells us that He will guide us with His eye. This denotes closeness. We must stay near Him to have this kind of guidance. When Peter denied the Lord at the high priest's house, all it took to direct him was a look from the Lord. (Luke 22:61-62)

Submission, closeness and a desire for Him to guide us are the conditions for His blessing. "He that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass [surround] him about. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout



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Our All-Sufficient God

for joy, all ye upright in heart." (verses 10-11)

*"He leadeth me! O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,*

*Nor ever murmur nor repine,
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me."
(Joseph Gilmore, 1862)*

Please pray for us during our upcoming Share-a-thon, that the Lord would supply our need, and send us new supporters for these broadcasting ministries.

Your servant,
Chris Lamb

FROM OUR STATION MANAGER PAUL HANCOCK

You are probably very familiar with the phrase, "God loves a cheerful giver," which is often recited right before an offering is taken. But have you ever taken the time to find out what God is saying to us in this familiar Bible verse? When we examine the passage where this cheerful giver verse is found, we discover why God loves this kind of giver. In 2 Corinthians 9, the Apostle Paul describes the giver of whom God does not approve in contrast to the giver in whom He delights.

Three words or phrases describe the kind of giver that we should not emulate. First, we are not to give sparingly. This simply means that our giving should not be a small percentage of our available resources. Second, we are not to give reluctantly. We should not hesitate or delay in our giving but should be eager to give. And third, we are not to give out of compulsion. This means that we should never give out of pressure, for the praise of man or to seek God's merit.

In contrast, this passage describes for us three characteristics of the giver that God loves. First, this giver is compared to a farmer who sows seed bountifully or generously, expecting a bountiful harvest. Second, this giver's decision about when and how much he should give comes from his heart. And lastly, this kind of giver is happy to give; therefore he's described as the cheerful giver that God loves. It shouldn't come as a surprise to us that God has demonstrated Himself as the perfect example of this kind of giver. John 3 says, "For God so loved the world that He gave." (John 3:16a) And Hebrews 12 says that Jesus is "the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross." (Hebrews 12:2a) He did this all for us!

In 2 Corinthians 9, beginning in verse 10, we also learn from the analogy of the farmer broadcasting seed, that God is not only supplying the farmer with the seed that he is sowing, but that He is also the One who multiplies that seed, resulting in a bountiful harvest. When we delight in ministries that generously sow the Word of God, our giving will be generous, prompt and given cheerfully. As we follow this biblical prescription, God often gives us additional resources so we can give again and again. Beyond the material blessings, God promises to bless the cheerful giver with lasting joy which will result in God's eternal glory.

So why does God love the cheerful giver? The answer is found in verse fifteen of this passage: "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." Whenever the cheerful giver gives to the work of the Lord with a thankful heart for the inexpressible gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior, then his giving is pleasing and loved by the Lord. Our giving to God's work is a small reflection of the overwhelming generosity demonstrated by God when He delivered us from sin and death and purchased eternal life for us through His Son.

Here at WGIB we desire to see God's people understand and know the joy and blessing of giving to advance the gospel through this broadcasting ministry. Together we have the privilege of being a channel of blessing to the vast numbers who listen and who are being helped daily through the programs heard on WGIB. The pledges of monthly financial and prayer support made by friends like you during our annual Share-a-thon are vital to the continuation of WGIB for another year.