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I. Let's begin with some reminders. (vss. 1-7)

- A. When Paul spoke to the Corinthians about their gift, he reminded them of their promise to contribute to the ministry of the saints in Jerusalem.
- B. The reminders that Paul offered to the Corinthians can still apply to us.
 - 1. Giving should be seen as a gift, and not a tax.
 - 2. When contributing to ministry, we will get out of it what we put into it.
 - 3. A failure to give is not about finances; it is about faith.
 - 4. **Mark 12:40-44**
And He [Jesus] sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And He called His disciples to Him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

II. God offers us some reassurances when we give faithfully. (vss. 8-15)

- A. Paul pointed out some truths to reassure the Corinthians that God could be trusted with their faithful giving.
- B. Just like in other matters where faith is required, a little reassurance helps us to take that first step.
 - 1. **If we give as we should, God will give us what we need.**
 - a) That is true of our daily needs.
 - b) That is true of our ministry needs.
 - c) **Malachi 3:10**
Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. And thereby put Me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.
 - 2. Giving helps to grow us spiritually.
 - 3. Giving helps to grow others spiritually.
 - 4. Giving helps to grow the kingdom.
 - 5. Giving is a blessing.

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