   A. Paul uses an agricultural example.
   B. Paul uses this example with reference to giving.
   C. This same principle also has other applications.

II. SECOND, THERE IS GOD’S PLAN—9:7.
   A. A goal without a plan is a pipe dream.
   B. Notice four steps of this plan.
      1. First, make it personal—“Each man should give”.
      2. Second, make it heart-felt—“not reluctantly”.
      3. Third, make it voluntary—“not….under compulsion.”
      4. Fourth, make it joyful—“For God loves a cheerful giving.”

III. THIRD, THERE IS GOD’S PROMISE—9:8.
   A. First, there is the basis—“God is able.”
   B. Second, there is the extent—“so that in all things”.
   C. Third, there is the purpose—“you will abound.”