“Becoming Intentional At Blessing Others!”

2 Corinthians 9:8-11
Consider the Many Measures of Wealth!

Wealth is more than money
* faithfulness - Matthew 25:21
* your testimony - Proverbs 22:1
* eternal life - Philippians 3:7-10
* your family and church - Ephesians 1:18
* health - Psalm 103:3 - God heals
God Blesses You
So You Can Bless Others!
A principle of Kingdom-expansion!

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work...You will be enriched in every way to be generous on every occasion” 2 Corinthians 9:8).
God’s Economics of Blessing!
2 Corinthians 9:8

1. God makes all grace abound to you

2. So you ALWAYS have all sufficiency in everything!

3. So you may have an abundance for every good deed!
His Economics of Blessings (cont’d)

Vs. 9 - “He scattered abroad, He gave to the poor, His righteousness abides forever”

“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them” (Revelation 14:13).

Vs. 11 – “He supplies seed... bread...”
Your Lifestyle of Generosity Becomes “Cutting Edge” of Kingdom Expansion!

* Hmm... where can we learn to be generous? CHURCH LIFE becomes our boot camp!

“And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds...” (Heb. 10:24).

“(Jesus): “a city set on a hill cannot be hidden”

(Matthew 5:14).
Wealth Management Becomes a STEP In Stimulating Spiritual Growth

“I tell you, use worldly wealth to make friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, they will welcome you into eternal dwellings. Whoever is faithful with very little will also be faithful with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much”

Luke 16:11

If, then, you have not been faithful with worldly wealth, who will entrust you with true riches?...

Spiritual growth follows management of what you have been given! (and not just $$$)
How to Bless Others
Hint: What Did Jesus Do?

Enter their world – John 1:14
* Be attentive to hurts, needs, desires
“And Jesus was going about in all Galilee...” (Matthew 4:23).
Get in their heads, hearts, lives!!!
** serve others together!
How Did Jesus Manage His “Wealth”?

“(He) did not regard equality with God as a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself”

(Philippians 2:5-6)

Jesus set an example for us!

“Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant…”

(Matthew 20:26).
Opportunities to Demonstrate His Grace and Abundance

Show interest in the lives of others – celebrations, concerns, heartaches

“...regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others...” (Philippians 2:3-4).

Example: GROW letter writing!
Be Intentional At Blessing Others!

“(God) comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those in any affliction…”  
(2 Corinthians 1:4)

Q: Anyone in your world need a blessing?