

*A COMMUNITY OF CHEERFUL GIVING*  
*Ii CORINTHIANS 8:16 – 9:15*

*“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver”*

I. Giving: Reflection of the heart 8:16

- A. Uniting hearts in God Family
  - 1. Sharing the same burden
  - 2. Eager to be a part

II Giving: In community

- A. “Titus People” who share the vision 8:16-17
  - 1. God puts it in the heart of Titus
  - 2. Eager to Come
  - 3.. Investing himself
  - 4. Mystery People 8:18-22
- B. Honoring Gods name 8:19, 21, 23
  - 1. Broad accountability
  - 2. Avoiding Criticism
  - 3. Making sure to do it right
  - 4. No attention to Paul

III. Giving: Proof of Love 8: 24

- A. Not a proof of a promise
- B. I John 3:17-18.... “Dear Children, let us not love with words  
Or tongue but with actions and truth”
- C. I John 4:11.....But if we love one another, God lives in us  
And His love is made complete in us”
- D. Still a matter of the heart

IV. Giving: Being prepared 9:3-5

- A. Eagerness to help
- B. Enthusiasm: Stirring others to action
- C. Unprepared causes reluctance

IV. Giving: Sow generously 9:6-11

- A. A spiritual law follows Natural law
  - 1. Seed must be sown or they are useless
  - 2. A seed of love
- B. How should we give: what's in our heart
  - 1. Choosing to give
  - 2. Not reluctantly or under compulsion
- C. A Cheerful Giver 9:7
  - 1. A attitude acceptable
  - 2. Measure the heart
- D. We can afford to be generous 9:8
  - 1. The Reward "All grace, in all things, at all times, having all you need...in every good work." 9:8
  - 2. All need met: time, energy and resources  
"He has scattered abroad his gifts to the Poor, his righteousness endures forever"

V. Giving: God's Blessing to us in order: 9:10-11

- A. Increase your supply
- B. Enlarge what you give
- C. Made rich to be generous

VI Giving: Result of Worship 9:11-15

- A. Generosity leads to Thanksgiving
- B. Overflowing expressing of Thanks to God
- C. Praising God for Obedience
- D. Praying for you: surpassing grace God has given

VII. Giving: Bringing us back to Christ

- A. Indescribable Gift 9:15