

IV. GIVE FAITHFULLY

- A. Obedient giving requires being full of faith, not finances.

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you,” II Corinthians 9:8a

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.” Malechi 3:10

- B. Obedient giving requires trusting God as the source of wealth.

“...that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.” II Corinthians 9:8b

““And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth...” Deuteronomy 8:18a

V. GIVE THANKFULLY

- A. Give thanks for God’s physical provision.

*“11 while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.
12 For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God,* II Corinthians 9:11-12

- B. Give thanks for God’s spiritual provision.

“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!” II Corinthians 9:15

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

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THE GREAT EXCHANGE

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INTRODUCTION

- A. Are you ready for a change? The cross of Jesus Christ was the place where the great exchange took place. His all for our nothing. His righteousness for our sin. His death for our life.

And it did not end there. Through the power of the gospel many more exchanges take place today for those “in Christ”.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” II Corinthians 5:17

- B. The Bible book of II Corinthians reveals seven beautiful ways Jesus can change your life. Attend The Great Exchange teaching series and discover how to trade your pain for Jesus’ new life. The messages include:

Apr 16 Trade In Your Sin For Jesus’ Righteousness
Apr 23 Trade In Your Depression For Jesus’

Encouragement
May 1 Trade In Your Grudges For Jesus’
Forgiveness

May 8 Trade In Your Discouragement For Jesus’
Motivation

May 15 Trade In Your Suffering For Jesus’
Perfection

TODAY Trade In Your Greed For Jesus’ Generosity
May 29 Trade In Your Weakness For Jesus’ Strength

Come and hear these messages learn valuable lessons for building your story today.

- C. **TEXT:** II Corinthians 9:1-15

This passage is about generosity. Paul is dealing with a situation where a year earlier (9:2,5) the Corinthians promised to give. However, because of greed or whatever they have not fulfilled their commitment. Paul now tells them how to trade their greed for generosity.

HOW TO TRADE IN YOUR GREED FOR JESUS' GENEROSITY

I. GIVE SYSTEMATICALLY

A. Be ready and prepared to give.

"3 Yet I have sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this respect, that, as I said, you may be ready;

4 lest if some Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to mention you!) should be ashamed of this confident boasting."

II Corinthians 9:3-4

B. Be ready to give by following God's system which is commanded in I Corinthians 16:1-2:

- Give to your local church,

"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye." I Corinthians 16:1

- Give on Sunday as an act of worship.

"Upon the first day of the week..."

I Corinthians 16:2a

- Give your part.

"...let every one of you lay by him in store,..."

I Corinthians 16:2b

- Give at least 10% of your total gross income.

"...as God hath prospered him,..."

I Corinthians 16:2c

"And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

Genesis 28:22

- Give consistently.

"...that there be no gatherings when I come."

I Corinthians 16:2d

II. GIVE BOUNTIFULLY

Paul uses a farming principle of sowing and reaping to illustrate generosity.

A. You sow what you reap.

"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap." Galatians 6:7

B. You reap what you sow.

"But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." II Corinthians 9:6

"24 There is one who scatters, yet increases more; And there is one who withholds more than is right, But it leads to poverty.

25 The generous soul will be made rich,

And he who waters will also be watered himself."

Proverbs 11:24-25

III. GIVE CHEERFULLY

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."

II Corinthians 9:7

Three reasons to give cheerfully:

A. You are obeying God.

B. You are funding the vision of your church.

C. You are blessing your life and others.