

The Word in Meditation

A TOPIC OF TITHING 6

Welcome friends, to the broadcast! The weekend is here again. My, but time goes so quickly! Praise God for another good week with Him. Let's pray.

Dear Lord, we thank you for the broadcast, and for faithful listeners. We pray now, that you will, by your Holy Spirit, open the eyes of our understanding so we would grow in knowledge and truth. In Jesus' Name, amen.

Our text is 2 Corinthians 9:6-8. Here it says: "But this I say, he which sows sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which sows bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God love a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

Often time we consciously or unconsciously try to mold other believers into a mold which has been cast for us. When it comes to how much a person should give. Have you found this so? This is so when we speak of tithing; everybody *must* give 10 percent. What we don't consider, as New Testament people, is that everyone is not same.

I see some good news in this scripture. It says that whether you sow sparingly or bountifully you'll still reap. To sow what? Money? Here in this context it is definitely so. No matter how much or little that is given – you reap! I have heard people that labored upon give a great amount. So what? It doesn't make the giver of large amounts of money any greater.

A person giving out of a cheerful heart is what is important. Why? Because it is a cheerful heart that is hooked up with God and His love. People are moved out of pure joy, and God is pleased.

You will not hear me tell you to give to this particular ministry. It is because I believe what the Bible says and I will not go against. It is the Spirit of God which moves, not man, and it is wrong to shame any person into giving. You see, I live the way I talk to you. I will not say one thing and do another. If I did, sooner or later, the double-standard would come out into the open.

Well, the rest of this scripture we are talking of is verse eight, which is a promise. Because you are not coerced, were not extorted, you either sowed much or little, but did it with a cheerful heart out of love to God; and God will make all grace abound toward you. There will be plenty of grace, and you will have sufficiency in all things. You will all ways have enough and you will abound to every good work; you will have success in every good work. Do you see the difference between Malachi 3:10 and this section of the New Testament? This way is one of

love, of freedom. Not extortion, or worked by fear. I pray this has ministered freedom to you. It surely made me free.

Tomorrow is Sunday. Get with other people and share what you have learned. I look forward to seeing you next time.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.