

2nd Corinthians 9:1-15

Grace: 'charis' - The absolutely free expression of the loving kindness of God to men, finding its real motive in the bounty and benevolence of the giver: unearned and unmerited favor."

The Complete Word Study Dictionary, Dr. Spiros Zodhiates – pp 1469, 1470

Give or Go Broke - Part III

For Greater Reflection

Verses 1-2

Do I see how clearly the call of Scripture is to participate in stewardship in His kingdom?
Am I following through? If not, what keeps me from being more fully obedient to what I know is true?

Malachi. 1:6; Luke 6:46; I Thess. 4:9-10

Verses 3-5

If my friends, or small group members, were to know my level of stewardship participation, would they "boast" about me or would their respect for me "ring hollow"?

Psa. 119:36-37; Luke 16:10-15; Titus 2:11-14; Heb. 12:1-3

Verse 6

Have I asked God to show me the needs around me?
Am I willing to respond genuinely when He does, or have I sought to get by with the minimum?
Can I point to ways God has blessed me (spiritually or materially) for my generosity?

Prov. 11:24-25; Gal. 6:7 & 9

Verse 7

How might I be more upbeat and less grumpy in my giving?

Mark 2:41-44; II Cor. 8:12; I Tim. 6:17-19.

Verses 8-11

Do I have an expectant heart when I give?
Do I look for ways that God will increase my "harvest of righteousness"?
How might that look?

Isa. 58:1-11; Matt. 6:1-4; Phil. 4:19

Verses 12-15

Am I tempted to see giving as only an exercise in "obedience"?
How might I have greater understanding of giving as worship?

Psa. 29:1-2; Psa. 34; Psa. 147:1; I Cor. 10:30; Heb. 13:15-17; Phil. 4:18