

THE PRICELESS PRIVILEGE OF GIVING

A Biblical Theology of Enjoying “Stuff”

2 Corinthians 8-9

“Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.” Luke 6:38

“...he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” 2 Corinthians 9:6

“In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Acts 20:35

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“Careful management of the resources of the kingdom of God which have been entrusted to a person or group.”

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“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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*“So is the man who stores up treasure for himself
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