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Power *in* weakness

2 CORINTHIANS

The Cheerful Giver

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How can we be cheerful givers?

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9 As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

12 For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgiving to God. 13 By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, 14 while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. 15 Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

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It does not say that
God loves the generous giver,
but the cheerful giver.

God doesn't simply give us the ability to be generous. He gives us the ability to be cheerful givers.

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2) HEAD ISSUE

2 Corinthians 8:1 Now it is *superfluous* for me to write to you about the ministry for the saints, 2 for I know your readiness... 3 But I am sending the brothers... *so that you may be ready*... 5 So I *thought it necessary* to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and *arrange in advance for the gift you have promised*, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction.

A common reason people often struggle to give is not because they have chosen not to, but because they have not arranged or decided to.

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If you don't, you're only cheating yourself.

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7... for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

You are able to cheerfully give because you are all-sufficient in all things at all times.

You are never in need.

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What's the problem with this?

- You never have enough.

To the degree that we are not “self-sufficient” and therefore need others, we attempt to dominate or exploit them in one way or another... Indeed, unless we are free from our neighbors, we cannot serve them, but in one way or another will seek to exploit them for the fulfillment of our needs. - Mark A. Seifrid

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What's the problem with this?

- You may be a generous person, but your generosity is not sincere.

Christian Giving

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2) I give to be enough.

3) I give because, by God's grace, I have and I am enough.

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2 Corinthians 8:9

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you **by his poverty might become rich.***

Because you are rich in every meaningful way, you can be generous with your money.

*2 Corinthians 9:15
Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!*

Generosity is the response of one where greed has been conquered and grace abounds.

You are a cheerful giver because God has made you happy.

*We are made to be much more than mere dependents, beneficiaries, and clients. We are granted participation in God's very giving. We ourselves are made to be givers, just as God is the Giver. **We are made to be Christ to our neighbor.***
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