

FORWARD

TOGETHER

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Laughing All the Way from the Bank
2 Corinthians 9:1-8

Bottom Line:

When God is your _____, giving
becomes your _____.

Cheerful Giving

1. Believing that generosity is _____,
not _____. (v. 6)

2. Deciding beforehand _____ and
_____ you give (v. 7)

3. Giving like _____ (v. 8)

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Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Corinthians 9:1-5. Why is Paul so concerned that the Corinthians be prepared beforehand to give? What does this tell us about the difference between intentional generosity and pressured generosity?
2. In verse 6, Paul compares generosity to sowing and reaping. What is Paul teaching through this picture? How does it change the way we think about what we “lose” when we give?
3. According to verses 7-8, what should motivate our giving, and what does Paul say about God that makes cheerful giving possible?
4. What fears or assumptions cause us to view giving primarily as losing something? How does verse 6 challenge those fears?
5. Verse 7 says each person should give what he has “decided in his heart.” What would it look like for you to become more intentional about your generosity rather than simply giving spontaneously or when asked?
6. “Give like God is able.” Where are you most tempted to trust money to provide the security that God promises to provide? What step of generosity would demonstrate greater trust in God?