

# The Grace of Giving - 2 Cor. 9:7

by Bernard Fell

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*We are called to be cheerful givers, trusting God with our finances and giving our best to Him.*

**Scripture:** Proverbs 11:25, Isaiah 58:10, Luke 12:33, 2 Corinthians 9:7, 1 Peter 4:10

**Topics:** "Stewardship", "Generous Giving"

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## Description

Bernard Fell emphasizes the importance of cheerful giving, illustrating through a conversation the willingness to give generously for gospel work and to help those in need. He contrasts the ease of giving in imagination with the challenge of giving from one's current possessions, highlighting the true essence of sacrificial giving. The sermon encourages giving until it hurts, but not to the point of causing pain, emphasizing that as trustees of God's gifts, we owe Him our talents, resources, and time as a token of gratitude for His abundant grace.

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## Transcript

God loveth a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

"What would you do," yon man was asked,

"If a small fortune came your way?"

"Why, gladly give the half," he said,

"For gospel work without delay."

"What would you do if you possessed

Two prosperous farms with fertile ground?"

"Why, I would part with one to feed,

And clothe the needy all around."

"One question more, have you, perchance,

A suit of clothes to give away?"

"You ask too much," the man replied,  
"I have but two, a serge and grey!"  
'Tis easier far to generous be  
With fancied wealth in golden dreams;  
To lavish from one's present store  
Is ten times harder, so it seems!  
"Give till it hurts." But giving true  
Should never cause such inward pain!  
Trustees are we of all God's gifts,  
Who gave His all, and gives again.  
For all the wealth grace has bestowed,  
A debt of gratitude we owe:  
God claims our talents, means, and time,  
Our very best while here below.

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