

## **Stewardship Series Bible Study**

### **1 CHEERFUL GIVERS**

2 Corinthians 9:6-12: <sup>6</sup>The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

*Read the text above several times.*

What words do you notice or wonder about?

Where have you sown bountifully?

Where have you sown sparingly?

In verse 7 Paul refers to a “cheerful” giver. The Greek word is literally “hilaros”, related to the English hilarious.

What do you think Paul was trying to communicate?

When were you able to be a hilarious giver?

When have you seen God/someone else be a hilarious giver?

The Church in Macedonia was very generous to the Jerusalem Church as they were collecting funds to care for widows and orphans. In Chapter 9 of II Corinthians Paul appears to be challenging the Corinthian Church to do the same. Read further in II Corinthians and consider the ways that Paul in an eloquent fund raiser.

What does he do?

How does he motivate people?

Would you give to Paul’s campaign for the Jerusalem Church?

