

A landscape photograph featuring a bright sunburst breaking through a cloudy sky. The sun is positioned in the center, casting rays across the scene. Below the sky, there is a green field, and in the foreground, a golden field of wheat or grain.

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- The heart behind “Giving” is a concept many never learn.
- Let us see what God says about **cheerful giving**.
- Cheerful is the kind of giver God wants us to be. **2 Cor. 9:7**

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- The word cheerful here is “hilaros” in the original Greek.
- **Cheerful** means, “that readiness of mind, that joyousness, which is prompt to do anything.” (Eng. Hilarious) *Vine's pg. 98.*
- A “cheerful giver” then is one who is hilariously or joyfully ready to do anything!
- How can I prepare myself to be this way?

G O D L O V E S A C H E E R F U L G I V E R

What It Takes To Be A Cheerful Giver

- We're to give **without** "grudging" ...
 - A grudging heart is unacceptable to God!
 - Thayer defines *grudging*: sorrow, pain, grief, annoyance, affliction **2 Cor. 9:7**
 - Our heart must not feel this way when we give our money or service. **2 Cor. 8:12; 9:5**
- Realize that everything we have is God's, we're just stewards of these things. **Acts 17:25**
 - Time, Money, Possessions, Relationships, etc.

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- We must give, **not** “of necessity” ...
- Our heart ought not feel forced to give!
- Thayer describes this “necessity” as “imposed either by the circumstances, or by law of duty regarding to one’s advantage.”
- We can give cheerfully when we do so without regard to various pressures.
- We should freely **want to** give to show God that we love him for all He does for us.

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- We **should** give as we have “purposed” in our own heart. **2 Cor. 9:7**
- W.E. Vine describes this to “take by one’s own choice.”
- Thus, we when we “purpose,” we willingly choose to give and what/how much to give!
- How much will you give to God?
 - How much do you tip the waitress?

We Can Be Proper Givers If We Keep The Commands

- We must worship God in Spirit (the right attitude) and in Truth (how God has instructed). ***Jn. 4:24***
- **Give:**
 - As you have prospered... ***1 Corinthians 16:2***
 - As you purpose in your heart ***1 Cor. 16:2***
 - Liberally (bountifully)... ***2 Cor. 9:6***
 - Cheerfully... ***2 Cor. 9:7***
 - On the first day of the week... ***1 Cor. 16:1-2***

Why Give Cheerfully?

- To obey God... ***Revelation 22:14***
- To glorify God... ***Ephesians 3:21***
- To bear fruit... ***Philippians 4:15-19***
- For Christians in need... ***Romans 15:26***
- To preach the Gospel... ***1 Cor. 9:13-14***

Let us be ready to give cheerfully every time that we have the chance!

God Gave The Greatest Gift!

John 3:16

- Will you come to Jesus today? ***Mt. 11:28-30***
 - Come unto Him by Hearing and learning God's will ***Jn. 6:45***
 - Come by faith ***Heb. 11:6***
 - Come unto Jesus by repentance ***Acts 11:18***
 - Come unto Jesus by confessing faith in Him ***Rom. 10:9-10***
 - Get into Christ where salvation is by Baptism ***2 Tim. 2:10; Gal. 3:27***