

### Matching Practice With Position!

V5 "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 <u>ready as a</u> <u>willing gift, not as an exaction</u>."

#### V6-7

"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

## A Special Love Not Generally Given

John 14:23 "If anyone loves me, <u>he will</u> <u>keep my word</u>, and <u>my Father will love</u> <u>him</u>, and we will come to him and <u>make</u> <u>our home with him</u>."

#### 2 Cor 9:7 "God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Cor 9:8-11A "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. As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." 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. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity"

### He is able

Ro 16:25, "Now to Him who is <u>able to</u> <u>establish you</u>." He is able. He has <u>no</u> <u>limitations</u>. Eph 3:20, "He is able to <u>do</u> <u>exceeding abundantly above all you can</u> <u>ask or think</u>." Jude 24, "He is able to <u>keep</u> <u>you from falling</u>." <u>God's power</u> is <u>great</u>, Ps 79:11; <u>strong</u>, Ps 89:13; <u>sovereign</u>, Ro 9:21; <u>irresistible</u>, Dan 4:35; <u>incomparable</u>, Ex 15:11; <u>incomprehensible</u>, Job 26:14.

Scripture says all things are possible for Him to do, Matt 19:26; and nothing is too hard for Him, Gen 18:14.

2 Cor 9:11B-13 "which through us will produce thanks giving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission flowing from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others"

V14 "while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you."



V15 "Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift"!

Eph 5:1

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children."

# **Blessings for Generosity**

- 1. Unique love from God
- 2. Supernatural provision to continue to be generous
- 3. Glory given to God
- 4. Unity in relationships that truly honor God
- 5. Likeness of God by sharing in His holiness