

God Makes All Grace Abound to You! July 28-30, 2018

2 Corinthians 9:8–11 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

- 1. How might parents deal with a selfish child? How does God deal with his selfish children?
- 2. Why and how do fear and selfishness go hand in hand?
- 3. List some ways in which fear and worry pose a danger to Christian faith.
- 4. How does God counter fear and doubt? List some specific ways does this in the verses of our text.

- 5. God is able to make all grace abound to you. How can you be sure he wants to?
- 6. Who is the subject of verse 9? How do you know?

7. Define the word "righteousness" as it is used in verses 9 and 10.

8. The Greek word that Paul uses for "generosity" has as its root meaning "single-mindedness." What does this add to your understanding of Christian generosity? Does this have any impact on the way Christians raise and gather "offerings"?

9. List some ways that we can make sure that our generosity results in "thanksgiving to God."

10. List some areas where we can grow in our generosity as individuals and as a congregation.