

Introduction

- Lesson text: [2 Cor. 9:6-15](#)
- 1. Thanksgiving is essential in all five spiritual sacrifices when we worship God.
- 2. We express our thanksgiving to God and for others verbally through prayer (cf. [2 Cor. 1:11](#); [Eph. 1:16](#); [Phm. 4](#); [1 Tim. 2:1](#)).

I. An Old Testament Pattern of Giving

1. Under the Law of Moses, the children of Israel would sacrifice peace offerings to God ([Lev. 7:11-20](#)).
 - a. peace offerings (*selem* H8002 noun) found 87 times in the Old Testament.
 - b. thanksgiving (*todah* H8426 noun) found 32 times in the Old Testament.
 - c. One of the peace offerings then was a sacrifice to thank God.
2. Hezekiah and his son Manasseh serve as examples of providing thank offerings to God.
 - a. Hezekiah commanded thank offerings after he repaired the temple and established order ([2 Chr. 29:31](#)).
 - b. Manasseh (Hezekiah's son) started off evil but later repented and offered thank offerings to God ([2 Chr. 33:16](#)).
 - c. The lesson for us is we should be thankful that God has granted us His grace, mercy, longsuffering, love, and so much more such that we can repent and have eternal life.

II. A Few New Testament Examples of Giving

1. The Macedonian churches were very liberal givers ([2 Cor. 8:1-5](#)).
 - a. liberality (*ho* G3588 definite article *haplotes* G572 noun) found eight times in the New Testament.
 - b. How could the Macedonians be so liberal yet so poor? They had fully given themselves to the Lord ([2 Cor. 8:5](#)).
 - i. Openness of heart!
2. Paul encouraged the Corinthians to keep their giving promise ([2 Cor. 8:6-11](#)).
 - a. It was a promise ([2 Cor. 9:5](#) ASV).

3. The Corinthians' gift of giving would produce thankfulness to God ([2 Cor. 9:6-15](#)).
 - a. Giving should not be done grudgingly or of necessity ([2 Cor. 9:7](#)).
 - i. grudgingly (*ek* G1537 preposition [out; from] *lype* G3077 noun) “with a sour, reluctant mind” (Thayer 383).
 - ii. necessity (*ananke* G318 noun) “complete obligation, a necessary thing, a force compulsion” (DBL Greek).
 - b. Giving must be done with cheer ([2 Cor. 9:7](#)).
 - i. cheerful (*hilaros* G2431 adjective) “cheerful, joyous, prompt to do anything” (Thayer 301).

III. Some Reminders as it Relates to Our Giving

1. God provides our daily needs ([Ps. 68:19](#); [Mt. 6:11](#), [31-34](#)).
 - a. Consider the manna He provided Israel with ([Ex. 16](#)).
2. God gives us the power to get wealth ([Dt. 8:17-18](#)).
3. God is the One that can make poor or rich ([1 Sam. 2:7](#)).
4. We have brought nothing into this world and it is certain we will carry nothing out.
 - a. Job understood this ([Job 1:20-21](#)).
 - b. Solomon understood this ([Ecc. 5:13-15](#)).
 - c. Paul understood this ([1 Tim. 6:7-8](#)).
5. When we give of our means it is a sacrifice that is well pleasing to God ([Heb. 13:16](#)).
6. Therefore, we thank God for what He has blessed us with and we give liberally to support the work of the church!
 - a. Remember, it is more blessed to give than to receive ([Ac. 20:35](#)).

Conclusion

1. God has blessed all of us richly with so much.
2. Let us be sure we thank Him by giving liberally to support the work of the church!