**BEING BLESSED IN BLESSING**
**2 Corinthians 8:13-9:14**

*And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.*
*2 Corinthians 5:15*

**(Chapters 8-9) Christians living for themselves is manifested by their _____ to the _____ of Christ**

**This offering was _____ their _____**
*Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. 2 On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. 3 Then, when I arrive, I will give letters of introduction to the men you approve and send them with your gift to Jerusalem.*
*1 Corinthians 16:1-3 (NIV)*

**God's grace manifested in a desire to give to God's cause, because unlike the Corinthians the Macedonians gave themselves to _____ (v.5)**

**(vv.13-14)**
**Christianity says what's _____ is _____**
**Socialism says what's _____ is _____**

**Paul considered participation in the offering as _____ of their _____ (v.24)**

**(Chapter 9:5) …***that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation. 2 Corinthians 9:5 (NKJV)*

**I _____ what I _____ (v.6)**
*And this: He who is sowing sparingly, sparingly also shall reap; and he who is sowing in blessings, in blessings also shall reap;*
*2 Corinthians 9:6 (YLT)*

**The Harvest is always _____ than the _____ sown (v.6)**
**When we give to God's purposes we are like a farmer planting seeds in _____ of a future _____ (v.6)**
**Giving to God's purpose is an _____**

**_____ giving reveals what I really _____ (v.7)**
*For God loves a cheerful (Hilaros) giver (v.7)*

**Question: Am I a _____ to God's purposes?**
*(Jesus) "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*
*Luke 12:34*

**Point: There is no limit to _____ (v.8)**
*God is able to make all grace abound to you (v.8)*

*The Lord be magnified, ...Who delights in the prosperity of His servant." Psalm 35:27*

**A hilarious giver (v.7) is persuaded that God is _____ to and _____ to _____ our giving (vv.8-9)**

**Hilarious givers to God's purposes recognize God as the _____ (vv.10-11)**
*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.*
*2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NIV)*

**God's Big Question for Me: _____?**
*Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might*
*Ecclesiastes 9:10*

**Their giving was _____ of God _____ in them (v.13)**
*Because of the service by which you have **proved** yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. 2 Corinthians 9:13-14 (NIV)*