



How God Measures My Generosity

In 2 Corinthians 8 and 9, the Apostle Paul provides several practical guidelines for personal giving.

These guidelines indicate how God evaluates the “acceptability” of what I give.

Factor # 1: Attitude

My giving is “acceptable” in God’s eyes when it comes from an attitude of “WANT TO”—not “HAVE TO.”

For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable...
2 Corinthians 8:12, NIV

A "Want To" Attitude

My giving is a PRIVILEGE, not a PAIN!

...don't give reluctantly...
2 Corinthians 9:7, NLT

A "Want To" Attitude

My giving is FREE-WILL, not FORCED!

...don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure.
2 Corinthians 9:7, NLT

A "Want To" Attitude

My giving is a DELIGHT, not a DUTY!

...don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure.
For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.
2 Corinthians 9:7, NLT

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Factor # 2: Amount

What I give should be INTENTIONAL, not IRREGULAR!

You must each decide in your heart how much to give.
2 Corinthians 9:7, NLT

Now about the collection for the Lord's people...On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money...
1 Corinthians 16:1-2, NIV

How Much Is "Acceptable"?

What I give should be a PORTION IN PROPORTION!

...each of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income...
1 Corinthians 16:2, NIV

Give in proportion to what you have...the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.
2 Corinthians 8:11, NLT & 8:12, NIV
