

Managing Your Resources - Part II

II Corinthians 8 & 9

Historical Background

Present application

Four Empowering Exhortations

1. Excel in the grace of giving

- “abound in this grace” -II Cor. 8:7
- Grace & Giving Connection
- Strength to reach, release and receive!

Luke 6:38

Let go...

Lay hold...

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2. Cultivate a faith that gives beyond your ability

- “*beyond their ability, they were freely willing*” -II Cor. 8:3
- Change your How? to Who!
- God is your Source
- “*Now He (God) who supplies seed to the sower* ” -II Cor. 9:10

3. Equal sacrifice not equal gifts

- “*there may be equality*” -II Cor. 8:14
- The sound of sacrificial giving still heard today –
- A widow’s gift!

4. Give cheerfully, not under compulsion

- “*Every man...in his heart so let him give; not grudgingly...God loves a cheerful giver.*” -II Cor. 9:7