

# Hilarious

The key to hilarious living is becoming a cheerful giver.

## What's in the Heart

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

<sup>7</sup> Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful [hilarious] giver.

<sup>8</sup> 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.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

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Signifies a readiness of mind;  
that joyousness that is ready to do anything;  
cheerfulness.

## Growing as a Giver

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.

<sup>11</sup> 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. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.

<sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9:10-15

## A Hilarious Story

<sup>4</sup> Moses said to the whole Israelite community,

"This is what the LORD has commanded:

<sup>5</sup> From what you have, take an offering for the LORD.

Everyone who is willing is to bring to the LORD an offering of gold, silver and bronze.

<sup>10</sup> "All who are skilled among you are to come and make everything the LORD has commanded:

<sup>20</sup> Then the whole Israelite community withdrew from Moses' presence, <sup>21</sup> and everyone who was willing and whose heart moved him came and brought an offering to the LORD for the work on the Tent of Meeting, for all its service, and for the sacred garments.

<sup>22</sup> All who were willing, men and women alike, came and brought gold jewelry of all kinds: brooches, earrings, rings and ornaments. They all presented their gold as a wave offering to the LORD.

And the people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning.

<sup>4</sup> So all the skilled craftsmen who were doing all the work on the sanctuary left their work <sup>5</sup> and said to Moses, "The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the LORD commanded to be done."

<sup>6</sup> Then Moses gave an order and they sent this word throughout the camp: "No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary."

And so the people were restrained from bringing more, <sup>7</sup> because what they already had was more than enough to do all the work. Exodus 35:4-5; 10; 20-22; 36:3b-7

## Our Hilarious Story

## Next Steps

- Attend a **DECADES** follow-up
- Attend **58** – The Movie
- **SERVE** at Jacob's Well
- Become a tither and a **giver**