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2 Corinthians 9:10

SEEDS

= fertilized ovules capable of producing new plants

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INTRODUCTION

When a church is not spiritual, it is not generous.

~ Warren Wiersbe

- the context of this passage of scripture is a special offering Paul was collecting for relief efforts back in Jerusalem

there had been a famine, coupled with the difficulty people suffered when becoming Christians

Romans 15:25-27

But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem. It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.

NOTE: Macedonia and Achaia were regions...there were cities with churches in those regions

so the offering was not only a means of **RELIEF**, but also a way of **RELATIONSHIP** to bring Jews and Gentiles together

as Paul states: since the Gentiles have benefited from Jewish spiritual truths, they are obligated to help the Jews with physical needs in return

- think about it...not a person in this room got saved all by themselves (at the least, the Holy Spirit convicts)

Romans 10:14

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Romans 1:14

I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel...

- now the context of **2 Corinthians 8-9** should be taken together because Paul is teaching that church about **GRACE GIVING**

it provokes others to give

it blesses the one giving

it meets the needs of believers

it glorifies God

- in **2 Corinthians 9:6-11**, Paul gives us three principles to follow concerning our giving

the principle of INCREASE

the principle of INTENT

the principle of IMMEDIACY

- but for the sake of our Missions Conference, we simply want to consider what **verse 10** promises to the cheerful giver

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NOTE: *both* is an awkward translation

1. GOD MEETS OUR NEEDS

Now he that ministereth seed to the sower [both] minister bread for your food...

the *he* Paul refers to here is God...He ministers seed to us for food

minister = a full supply; sufficiency

this Greek word gives us our English word *choreography* and it means 'to come full circle'

Mark 4:28 notice the cycle

For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

verse 8

And God is able to make ALL grace abound toward you; that ye, ALWAYS having ALL sufficiency in ALL things, may abound to EVERY good work:

everything we have in this life comes from God...if you think hard enough and consider deep enough

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Philippians 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

in this particular instance, Paul focused on the food God provides us to survive and thrive

and while **physical** food is absolutely essential, **spiritual** food is, too

Job 23:12

Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

2. GOD MULTIPLIES OUR SEEDS

...and multiply your seed sown

multiply = plethora

notice this verse implies we have sown seeds already with our lives

for the Corinthians, they had made a promise to give to this offering, but had fallen back on their enthusiasm **8:10**

so what seeds have you sown in your life?

are you faithful in tithes and offerings?

are you studying the Word in order to grow deeper in your walk?

are you discipling others?

verses 6-7

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Proverbs 11:24

There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

Proverbs 22:9

He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

when we give our lives and our substance to God, He is able to increase the outcome of that giving so others are blessed

Philippians 4:17

Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.

Luke 6:38

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

3. GOD MATURES OUR DEEDS

...and increase the fruits of your righteousness

your righteousness has to do with the way you live your life before God

increase = to grow

as you study God's Word, it affects how you live daily

1 Peter 2:2

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

the words you choose

the actions you live out

your relationships with others

so when a believer embraces the concept of grace giving...when they trust God for their needs...they in turn begin to trust God with other areas of their lives

and these areas impact everyone around you daily

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

verse 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you

2 Corinthians 8:5

And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

the churches in Macedonia not only gave financially to the offering being collected, but they gave themselves to the work of God wherever He led

our Missions Conference has many purposes:

to meet and grow close to missionaries

to be a blessing to them and help with their spiritual and financial needs

to encourage our church family towards serving in the harvest of souls

to show how we are a part of the greater plan of God: seeing souls saved, lives changed, and culture impacted for Christ

do we need you to give money so other can go?

ABSOLUTELY

but God wants you to give yourself, and He has promised to **PROVIDE** and **INCREASE** as you do