

# “THE TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL GIVING”

*(2 Corinthians 9:1-6)*

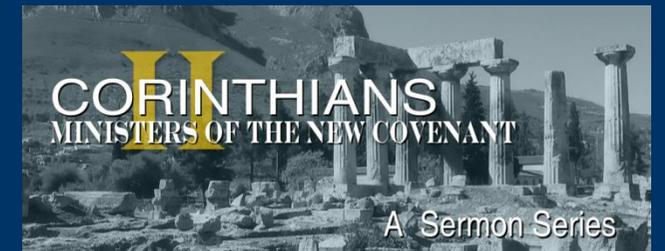
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*Expository Sermon of II Corinthians - Sermon 18*

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# INTRODUCTION:

Peabody's Duck Parade

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What's the secret of this amazing parade?



"Food"

The reward of accomplishment!

# I. THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

There are four essential ingredients for achieving a goal.

- A) Active Participants.*
- B) Clear Objectives.*
- C) Strong Enthusiasm.*
- D) Promise of Reward.*



## II. THE UNSTATED EQUATION OF GENEROSITY

### A) Implied

*2 Cor 9:1* There is no need for me to write to you about this service to the Lord's people.



*(The right people + the right goal) x*



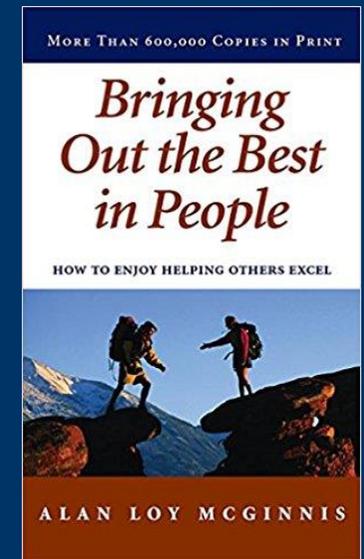
*(direction + enthusiasm) = ACCOMPLISHMENT.*

## II. THE UNSTATED EQUATION OF GENEROSITY

### B) Explained

*2 Cor 9:2 For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action.*

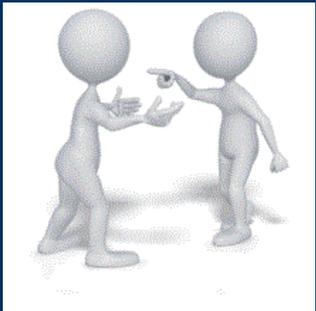
*"I consider my ability to arouse enthusiasm among the men the greatest asset I possess,"*



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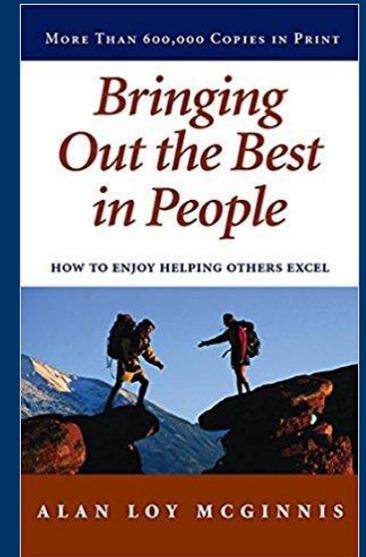
**2 Cor 9:3** *But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you in this matter should not prove hollow, but that you may be ready, as I said you would be.*



**A) Never Criticize**



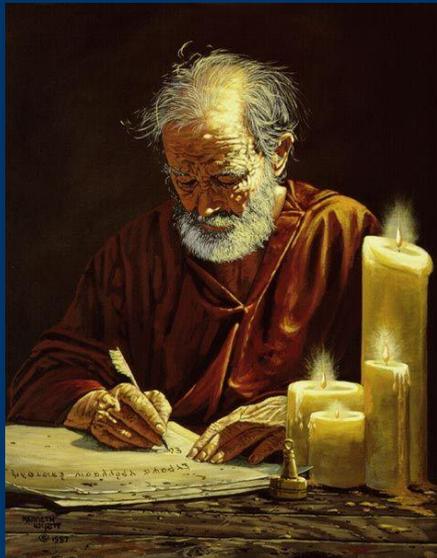
**B) Always Affirm**



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*2 Cor 9:4* For if any Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we — not to say anything about you — would be ashamed of having been so confident.

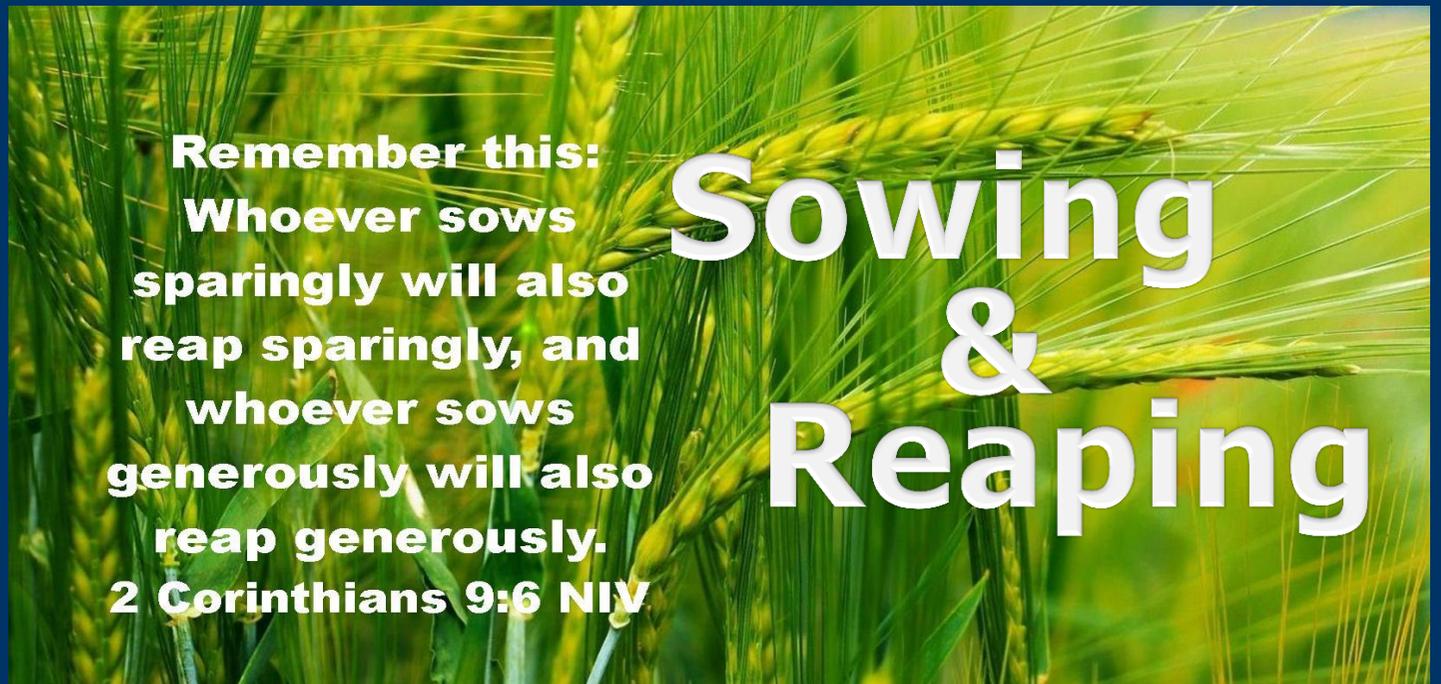


*2 Cor 9:5* So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given.

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### C) Illustrated

*2 Cor 9:6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.*



# III. THE PRACTICAL STEPS OF INVOLVEMENT

How can we make the most of what God has entrusted to us as steward of his treasure?

- A) Become an active participant.***
- B) Understand the stated objectives.***
- C) Demonstrate strong enthusiasm.***
- D) Remember the promised rewards.***



# CONCLUSION:



Take some time to consider how Christ demonstrated them while He was on earth.

- A) He was an active participant in the mission of salvation.***
- B) He never lost sight of His goal.***
- C) He spread enthusiasm for His cause.***
- D) He was rewarded.***

***Heb 12:2b*** *For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*



**Do you demonstrate the same example in bountiful giving?**



# CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What are some reasons that people are motivated to get a job done?*
- 2. What are some essential ingredients that help motivate a person to accomplish his goal?*
- 3. What are some factors that cause someone to be generous in giving to someone in need?*
- 4. What are some practical steps to help us involved in giving in the ministry?*



*Scripture References:*

*2 Corinthians 9:1-6*