

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

{Sunday, November 18, 2018 A.D.}

2 Corinthians 2:15-3:6

¹⁵ For we are a fragrance of Christ to God . . .

⁵ Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God,

⁶ who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, . . .

2 Corinthians 8:10-12

. . . not only to do this, but also to desire to do it. . . .

¹² For if the readiness is present, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶ Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

⁷ Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; ⁹ as it is written, "HE SCATTERED ABROAD, HE GAVE TO THE POOR, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER."

¹⁰ Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; ¹¹ you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.

¹² For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all, ¹⁴ while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you.

¹⁵ Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

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Q. 117. What belongs to such prayer, as God is pleased with and will hear?

A. First, that from the heart we call only upon the one true God, who has revealed Himself to us in His word, for all that He has commanded us to ask of Him;

secondly, that we thoroughly know our need and misery, so as to humble ourselves before the face of His Divine Majesty;

thirdly, that we be firmly assured, that withstanding our unworthiness He will, for the sake of Christ our Lord, certainly hear our prayer, as He has promised us in His word.

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Psalm 112:1-9

¹ Praise the LORD! How blessed is the man who fears the LORD, Who greatly delights in His commandments.

² His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed.

³ Wealth and riches are in his house, And his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ Light arises in the darkness for the upright; *He is* gracious and compassionate and righteous.

⁵ It is well with the man who is gracious and lends; He will maintain his cause in judgment. ⁶ For he will never be shaken; The righteous will be remembered forever.

⁷ He will not fear evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. ⁸ His heart is upheld, he will not fear, Until he looks *with satisfaction* on his adversaries.

⁹ He has given freely to the poor, His righteousness endures forever; His horn will be exalted in honor.