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I want the entire body of Christ to benefit from the elaborate, excessive blessings of God. The Bible says, "You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Corinthians 9:11, ESV). Giving is a way we share God's grace. God blesses us so that we can be generous, and our generosity will produce thanksgiving to Him. How awesome is that? We are graced to do things that will actually cause others to praise our God!

Many people tell you if you don't do this then this won't happen, or you have to do this in order to get something to happen; but I urge you to examine what Paul said about giving. As the apostle of grace, Paul's insights on giving are invaluable. He had a revelation on how to give under grace without turning it into a burdensome, law-based rule. Now, some of you may wonder, "Well, what's the difference between grace-based giving and just giving?" If you examine Paul's writings closely you'll discover that grace-based giving is always a reflexaction based on love and trust, where no matter what financial season you may be in, you are graced to give generously based on what you have.

Paul taught proportional giving. In other words, you don't have to look at others and what they're giving to determine how and what to give—you only have to look at where you are. In First Corinthians 16:2 (AMPC), Paul instructed the believers to "put aside something and save it up as he has prospered [in proportion to what he is given]." God is never going to ask you to give more than what He's blessed you to give, so you don't ever have to be afraid that God is looking for you to give a hundred thousand dollars if you don't have a hundred thousand dollars! He's only going to ask you to give what you have been blessed to give.

Jesus' reaction to the widow in Mark 12 illustrates this truth: "And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living" (Mark 12:41-44). So, Jesus was interested in how much people gave-but not based on the money side, the size of the gift, or the monetary amount. He was interested in their trust.

There's a grace that God will release to empower you to be able to give, no matter what your financial situation looks like. A perfect example of this can be found in Paul's account of the Macedonian believers, who "*in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality*" (2 Corinthians 8:2). Like the widow who gave her two mites, the Macedonian believers took themselves and their needs out of the center. By doing this, they gave generously.

Cheerful, willing giving is powerful. When you trust God enough to give, you demonstrate the sincerity of your love for Him, receive a blessing, prevent misfortune in the lives of others, and cause others to praise Him. That's the life of a grace-based giver: it's an adventure of harvest!

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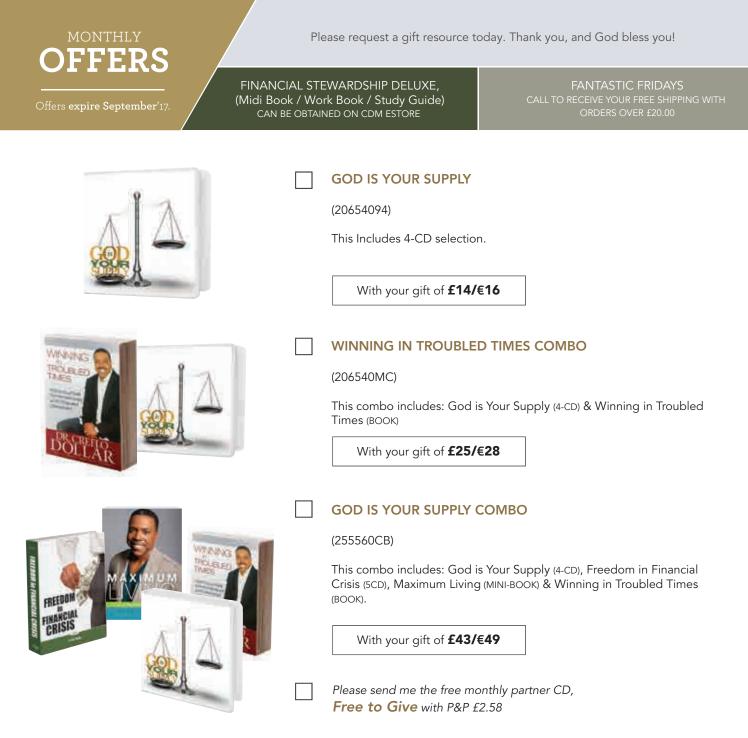
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MY TRUST CONNECTS ME TO THE KINGDOM

FATHER, I KNOW THAT YOU WILL ALWAYS TAKE CARE OF ME BECAUSE MY TRUST IS COMPLETELY IN YOU (MARK 10:24-30).

I AM A CHEERFUL GIVER, AND I THANK YOU, LORD, FOR BLESSING ME ABUNDANTLY IN EVERY GOOD WORK (2 CORINTHIANS 9:7-9, ESV).



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