



SEE IT ☞

2 Corinthians 8:7-9 “But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich,”

OBEY IT ☞

People who have experienced God’s grace understand three things:

1. They understand the connection between grace and generosity.

Before anything else, we must realize that such a connection does exist. Many Christians do not understand this concept. A saved person is a generous person. If I’m drowning and someone saves me, how do I respond to that gesture? If I’m dying of heart failure and someone donates his or her heart to save my life, how do I react? The clear answer is “with generosity”.

2. They understand that generosity is evidence of their salvation.

Generosity doesn’t buy our salvation; it’s evidence of our salvation. The more clearly we visualize the sacrifice of Jesus, the wider we will open our hands to help others. As Jesus opened His hands on the cross and blessed the whole world in giving up His life, we, His followers, open our hands and bless our world, as we give with selfless generosity.

3. They understand the implication of being generous. Today’s text tells us that when Jesus gave, our situation improved. This is the implication of giving. Other people do better. Other people progress. Other people change. Other people are saved. What better reward than to change the life of another person?

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1. Give someone a fruit basket.
2. Leave a good book in a public place with a note.
3. Donate books to your local library.

My Prayer Today:

Lord, thank you for saving me. I could never repay it, but I will extend to others the same grace you extended to me. Amen.

My Thoughts _____



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Psalms 39:4-7 “Show me, LORD, my life’s end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is. You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Everyone is but a breath, even those who seem secure. Surely everyone goes around like a mere phantom; in vain they rush about, heaping up wealth without knowing whose it will finally be. But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you,” Psalm 39:4-7.

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Three dangers of leaving until tomorrow what you can do today:

1. Today, you are the answer to someone’s prayer. One of the acts of God, through His Spirit, consists of connecting the needs of His children with those who can fill those needs. If God impresses your heart to give or do something now is the time. Postponing our generosity is to disobey. The moment you receive the conviction to give or do and you say, “Later,” you’re saying, “I decide.”

2. You are alive today, but you know nothing about your tomorrow. If you understand that to serve is a privilege, you would be depriving yourself of that benefit by postponing your service. Notice in today’s text all the words that speak about the shortness of life: “Fleeting.” “As nothing.” “But a breath.” “A mere phantom.” The psalmist described what many ignore: Tomorrow is not guaranteed; you can only work and serve today.

3. You can decide what you do today; tomorrow another will do it for you. While we are alive, we can decide how, where, how much, and to whom our donations and actions will flow. After we die, though we may leave a will, the control is left in other hands which do not always reflect our same interests. Because you’re alive today, do good to others today.

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1. Send anonymous flowers to your office receptionist or someone who works near you.
2. Buy an extra umbrella for a rainy day.
3. Give your waiter or waitress a larger than usual tip.

My Prayer Today:

Lord, I recognize that tomorrow is not guaranteed. Can you help me do something today? Amen.

My Thoughts _____
