

Does My Giving Please God?

"But this I saw: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." 2 Corinthians 9:6 (New King James Version)

" _____ " means someone didn't _____ the gift I gave them!

One Whose Giving Pleased The Lord

A. Mark 12 - A surprising example on giving that pleases God:

1. 12:41 - Jesus _____ those who were giving. Many who were _____ put in _____.
2. 12:42 - A _____ widow put in two _____. That represented only 1/_____ of a typical day's wages.
3. 12:43 - _____ said she had put in _____ than _____ those who had given to the treasury.
4. 12:44 - The _____ put in out of their _____; she gave out of her _____, her _____ livelihood.

B. What distinguished the widow's gift was her _____ in _____.
Garland: "The rich ... do not _____ their abundance."

Christian Giving That Pleases The Lord

A. Why Christians give:

1. John 13:29 - _____ and His _____ kept a _____ to keep money so they could help the _____.
2. 1 Corinthians 16:1,2 - Christians are to _____ up as we _____ so we'll be able to _____ with needs.

B. 2 Corinthians 8,9 - Instructions on giving that pleases God:

1. 8:1-5 - Paul calls giving a _____. The Macedonians were in deep _____, but _____ for the opportunity to share their _____. The first gave _____ to the _____.
2. 8:6-9 - The Corinthians were to _____ in this grace; it was a way to show the _____ of their _____. The _____ of God is seen in the example of Jesus.
3. 9:5-7 - Paul wanted them to show _____, not _____ obligation. God wants Christians to give _____ and _____.

Angelou: "I have found that among its other benefits, giving _____ the _____ of the giver."

Acts 20:35 - _____ the words of Jesus: "It is more _____ to _____ than to _____."

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