

## *Study Guide*

**Scripture Study:** 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 – God’s Authentic Prosperity Plan

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**Objective:** In 2026, we commit to seeking the formation of prospering financially God’s way.

**Prosperity Plan:** each member supports our church through giving their tithes, (first ten percent of yearly income), offerings (\$100 per month), and firstfruits (double tithes and offerings in January):

Paul’s instructions to giving according to 1 Corinthians 16.1-2:

1. **Give Purposely:** you recognize the need to use your finances as means to support our fellowship and the mission of our church family.

‘You understand the reason behind your giving!’

2. **Give Regularly:** you commit to give consistently, not occasionally, to meet the ongoing needs of our church family.

3. **Give Personally:** you take ownership of our needs, plan to do your part, and give according to our prosperity plan.

‘Corporate giving calls for every follower of Christ to plan their giving. No one gives on behalf of another; as each carries their own responsibility.’

4. **Give Proportionally:** you recognize your financial blessings come from God and lay aside a percentage of your income according to how God has prospered you. I will give nothing if it doesn’t cost me something.

5. **Give Willingly:** you come prepared to give, purposely, regularly, and proportionately with cheerfulness according to your ability, without any pressure or impulsiveness.

Christ followers give *generously*, and *cheerfully*, from a grateful heart, remembering the sacrifice of Christ, who gave Himself for their sins and their salvation. Acts 4.32

‘The mark of Christians in the early church was that they were generous.’

### **The illegitimate prosperity gospel:**

- Equates wealth with God’s favor
- Shifts trusts to techniques
- Maximizes self-desires before needs

- Ignores Jesus' warning about riches

True gospel prosperity offers Christ alone is sufficient. Philippians 4.12-13

**Points to the text:**

1. God's \_\_\_\_\_: v10a. Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food ...
- Seed = to give, not consume
- Bread for food = to live on

‘God promises to meet our needs, not for our greed (luxuries).’

2. God's \_\_\_\_\_: v10b. supply and multiply the seed you have sown ...
- Multiplies seed you have sown, not eaten
- Know what is seed to sow and bread to eat
- Invest God's work and He increases our capacity to give more, not consume more.

‘Giving never diminishes us because God replenishes us.’

3. God's \_\_\_\_\_ v10c. and increase the fruits of your righteousness,
- Giving aligns my trust in God and His righteousness
- Giving cultivates a heart of selflessness – others before self
- Giving produces spiritual harvest in your life and others
4. God's \_\_\_\_\_ v11. while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.
- You're enriched to give more
- Others receive your blessings
- Giving result is gratitude and worship

**Takeaway:** What the verses teaches about God's authentic prosperity plan:

- God supplies seed to sowers
- God promises to meet our needs, not wants
- God entrusts more seed to faithful givers
- Giving aligns my trust with God and deepens my righteousness
- Giving is worship (gratefulness), not leverage (get something in return)

**Reflection:**

1. How do I use the resources God has entrusted to me?
2. Does my giving point people to God or myself?
3. What fears or attachments (debts) limit my generosity?
4. What do I need to do first to become more generous?