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Chapter 9

(1) For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you:
 (2) For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many.
 (3) Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready:
 (4) Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting.
 (5) Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as *a matter of* bounty, and not as *of* covetousness.
 (6) But this *I say*, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.
 (7) Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.
 (8) And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work:

Chapter 9

(1) Concerning the ministering to the saints, it is unnecessary for me to write to you:
 (2) Because I know the sincerity of your mind, because of which I boast of you to those of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has provoked very many.
 (3) Yet I have sent the brothers, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this matter; that, as I said, you may be ready:
 (4) Lest haply if those of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we not to say, you) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting.
 (5) Therefore I thought it necessary to encourage the brothers, that they would go before to you, and collect beforehand your bounty, of which you had notice beforehand, that the same might be ready, as *a matter of* bounty, and not as *of* covetousness^a.
 (6) But this *I say*, He who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully.
 (7) Every man accordingly as he determines in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: because God loves a cheerful giver.
 (8) And God *is* able to make all grace abound towards you; that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work:

9:5a – Paul sent messengers ahead of time to the Corinthians to let them know that a collection would be collected to help those in need – see note on II Cor. 8:4

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(9) (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.
(10) Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for *your* food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)
(11) Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.
(12) For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;
(13) Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal distribution unto them, and unto all *men*;
(14) And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.
(15) Thanks *be* unto God for his unspeakable gift.

Chapter 10

(1) Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence *am* base among you, but being absent *am* bold toward you:
(2) But I beseech *you*, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.

(9) (As it is written, **He has dispersed abroad; He has given to the poor: His righteousness remains forever^b.**
(10) Now he who ministers seed to the sower both minister bread for *your* food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)
(11) Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which through us causes thanksgiving to God.
(12) Because the administration of this service not only supplies the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings to God;
(13) While by the experiment of this ministry they glorify God for your professed subjection to the gospel of Christ, and for *your* generous distribution to them, and to all *men*;
(14) And by their prayer for you, who long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.
(15) Thanks *be* to God for His unspeakable gift.

Chapter 10

(1) Now I Paul myself urge you by the humility and gentleness of Christ, who in presence *is* lowly among you, but being absent *am* bold towards you:
(2) But I urge *you*, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, with which I think to be bold against some, who think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.

9:9b – Ps. 112:9