

Series: Pursuing Devotion
Message: A Devoted Surrender – Obeying God
Text: 2 Cor 9:1-8 (AM 11/05/17)

Almost everyone loves ice cream. When I get old fashioned hand dipped ice cream I want the server to use the biggest scoop and dig as deep as possible in the ice cream container. I hope to leave with my cone piled high! When we carefully reflect on how the Father has blessed our lives, we'd have to affirm He spared no expense in securing our Salvation through the Gift of His Son. Who can measure the abundance of His Grace afforded to us daily? ***He has piled our lives high in the wonder of His Goodness.*** Today, Paul instructs the Corinthian Church how to respond to God's extravagant Grace in lavish Stewardship. Jesus reminds us of this principle in Luke 6:38, *"For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you..."*

It's Scriptural to...

1st Preach on Giving (1-5a) *"I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren..."*

2nd Prepare to Give (5b) *"Prepare your generous gift beforehand..."*

3rd Promise to Give (5c) *"Which you had previously promised..."*

4th Pleasure in Giving (5e) *"That it may be ready as a matter of generosity"*

Scriptures...

5th Principle in Giving (6) *"He who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully"*

- Our approach & amount in stewardship

6th Practice in Giving (7) *"For God loves a cheerful giver..."*

- Our affirmation & attitude in stewardship

7th Provision for Giving (8) *"That you always have all sufficiency in all things"*

- God's abounding Grace & abundant provision for the Steward

Application to life: What size scoop do you want the Father to use as He daily dips out heaven's blessings for you? Remember that He uses the same measure you use in your stewardship. As Paul instructs the Corinthians in faithful giving, he has given us insight into Kingdom Stewardship. May it be our passion, motivated by His Grace, *"To sow bountifully...so we will also reap bountifully!"*