GOD IS ABLE

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"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:" II Corinthians 9:8

This popular and powerful verse is located in an exhaustive teaching on the subject of grace giving. God used Paul to expound upon these great truths to the Corinthian church. They were being challenged to give by faith, trusting God to guide and provide as they obeyed His leadership in their lives. The churches of Macedonia were mentioned by Paul as an example of sacrificial giving to the Lord's work. Our text is a resounding response to those who might question their ability to participate in this joyful experience of generosity.

It is natural for people to ask questions when it comes to the subject of generous giving, such as "What if I give, who then will meet my needs?" The inspired answer is found in this Scripture: "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." There are three very encouraging parts to this glorious promise.

First, we are told, "God is able to make all grace abound toward you." God is our Source. His ability is not limited. When we think of our giving, God would have us to think in terms of His ability to provide. We are only vessels or channels of His resources. He is able to supply for us if we are willing to share with others.

Another aspect of this promise is that He is able to assure us of our "having all sufficiency in all things." God can make certain that our every need is met. He does not

want us to do without, that others might abound. When it comes to the matter of our giving to God's work, He promises that our needs will be met.

Finally, we see that He can enable us to "abound to every good work." God wants to meet our needs and provide for us to give, or "abound to every good work." What a difference this is from the way many people look at giving. Some Christians can think only in terms

of their limited supply, their own needs that must be met, and their inability to contribute to worthy causes. God answers every one of these concerns in this verse. His supply is limitless. He is able to meet our needs. He wants to enable us to give generously to His work. The appropriate response to this truth is that we would begin to trust the Lord to accomplish His will.

Let's Pray

Dear heavenly father, thank you for your word today. I pray that this devotional has blessed the person reading this and that the Holy Spirit will continue to speak to his or her heart. I ask this in Jesus name. Amen