



# MESSAGE NOTES

## Preparing for church service - Come with a generous heart

2 Corinthians 9:7  
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*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

The scriptures encourage believers to work and make their resources available for the work of ministry and for the advancement of the kingdom of God.

### 1. We give as a reflection of our Father's character

*John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

*Romans 8:32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?*

Whether you are His child or not, God gives graciously; He does not expect any payback. Christ did not die for the church but for the whole world. Having received God's Spirit at salvation, the believer can also give graciously, having been enabled by the same Spirit to do so.

### 2. We give to meet needs

*Exodus 35:4-5 Moses said to the whole Israelite community, "This is what the Lord has commanded: From what you have, take an offering for the Lord. Everyone who is willing is to bring to the Lord an offering of gold, silver and bronze;..."*

*Exodus 36:6-7 Then Moses gave an order and they sent this word throughout the camp: "No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary." And so the people were restrained from bringing more, because what they already had was more than enough to do all the work.*

We give as responsible children, and we give to meet the needs. When we see needs, we do not close our eyes to them; We give until all needs are met.

### 3. Plan your giving

- Plan how much you can give every month or every Sunday.
- Trust God to help you keep that commitment
- Be flexible in your plan.