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2 Corinthians 9:1-7

Title: The Lord loves a cheerful giver

**Paul makes it clear that it's unnecessary
that he write about the giving of the
Corinthians (2 Corinthians 9:1). He did
so anyway — that's a rhetorical device
called paraleipsis.**

In short, by saying that you will not mention something, you are in fact mentioning it. Two examples of paraleipsis in the NT: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12, Hebrews 11:27-34

Paul had already made it known to others that those in Corinth were willing to give (2 Corinthians 9:2) — now this was their chance to finish what they started originally.

The people of Corinth procrastinated some, evidently. They had already been collecting funds since the previous year:

2 Corinthians 8:6-11

Paul did not want the people of Corinth to appear unprepared if (when) he brought Macedonians with him (2 Corinthians 9:3-4). Remember their plight?

It matters to Paul that the Corinth gift not be impacted by covetousness (2 Corinthians 9:5). Avoid covetousness anything at all costs. In this context, it would make them give reluctantly.

**The brothers in view in 2 Corinthians
9:5 are Titus and the other two
unnamed men we mentioned last week.
Know that the words “previously
promised gift” refers to procrastination
from those at Corinth.**

To sow (2 Corinthians 9:6-7) in this context is to give. Do you want to reap sparingly or bountifully? Remember that God has already given us a vast amount: 1 Timothy 6:6-8

**Give freely. Remember that when you
give, you should do so expecting
anything physically in return: Luke
6:31-38**

**Our giving might yield physical
rewards, but it will undoubtedly yield
eternal rewards: Matthew 10:40-42,
Luke 12:31-34, 1 Timothy 6:17-19.
Proverbs 19:17**

Don't covet, since God supplies for our needs + much more. To covet is to undermine what He has already provided. Instead, be cheerful in your giving in lieu of wanting what others have.

**Give freely, knowing that our God sees
all. There's no compulsion, and the
rewards you build up, you will enjoy
eternally. Remember how much He has
given to us.**