



Two Crucial Ways to give thanks

2 Corinthians 9:11-12 Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, **which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.** For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;

2 Corinthians 9:11 In every way you will grow richer and become even more generous, and this will cause others to give thanks to God because of us. 12 because this ministry you render is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, **it is also overflowing with more and more prayers of thanksgiving to God.** (ISV)

2 Corinthians 9:11 You will be enriched in every way so that you may be generous, and this [generosity, administered] through us is producing thanksgiving to God **[from those who benefit].** (AMP)

- a) When we are enriched in everything to all bountifulness, it causes many thanksgivings to God. When we are abounding all around, being a blessing, and helping others abound through our enrichment abundance in all things, many thanksgivings are made to God.
- b) This reveals that through our generosity, giving thanks to God can be made by the one on the receiving end—the beneficiary of the giving. This is how the thanksgivings

become many. The many thanksgivings are not done by just the giver, but through other people that have been benefited.

c) Verse 12 teaches that the giving achieved two things:

- i) Supplied to the needs of the saints.
- ii) Also, many thanksgivings were being made to God.

Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

—2 Corinthians 1:11

- a) This verse also tells us that thanksgiving can be given by many others on our behalf. Thanksgiving ought not to only come from ourselves, but from others as well. We need to be a blessing and thereby cause others to give thanks to God. Thankful people will find ways to have others be thankful and this can be by being a blessing to them.

Ephesians 1:15-16 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers,

- a) The Ephesians were living a super godly life and their faith in the Lord was going beyond their borders. Sometimes all we have to do is make mention of certain people and God will take it from there. No need for Vigils!
- b) It is important that we give thanks to God, but we have to grow to a place where we not only give thanks to God, but our lifestyle and what we do causes others also to give thanks to God. This is another level.

- c) What we do will either causes others to give thanks to God or not. There are certain things we can do that would cause others not to cease giving thanks to God for us, also praying and making mention of us in their prayers.
- d) There are two ways we can give thanks to God. One is by us. Two is through others. We can choose to give God thanks by ourselves any time, but we also can cause others to give thanks to God by how we live, conduct ourselves, and have blessed them. Godly people and givers are very thankful people because they cause thanksgivings to be made unto God through other people.
 - i) An example of what we can do and cause others to give thanks to God is giving. When we give to others, we cause them to go back and give God thanks. We are partakers in that thanksgiving to God because of what we did that caused that person to go and give God thanks.
 - ii) 2 Corinthians 9:11 Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.