

RCMI L-path Teaching

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TITLE: **ABOUNDING IN GOOD WORKS**

TEXT: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

Big Idea: God has potentially created us to abound in every way so that in all things at all times we may abound to do good works!

Introduction.

1. Man is originally designed by God to live a blessed life, a life that is abundant.
 - **Gen 1:28, God blessed them** and said to them, "**Be fruitful and increase in number**; fill the earth **and subdue it**(manage it, take in control).
2. **The wd. 'Blessed in the bible means, Happy' - (Gusto ni Lord happy ka!)**
3. To abound in life does not only refer to the material and financial abundance... Because...
 - **You can be very wealthy and as wise as Solomon** and yet feel that your life is meaningless.
 - **You can have the strength of Samson and yet you are morally failing!**
5. Now, Jesus said...
 - ☐ **John 10:10**, The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.NKJV
 - ☐ **Why does God wants you to live in his abundance? SO WE WILL ABOUND IN GOOD WORK!**

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 9:8, "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." NIV

BACKGROUND:

- **One of the most important ministries Paul had during his 3rd missionary journey was the gathering of a special "relief offering" for the poor believers in Jerusalem.**
- Because many of the believers had been visiting Jerusalem at Pentecost when they heard the Word and were saved. (They accommodate them feed them etc. Acts 2)
- And they have won many converts, they have to take care of the elderly, the widows, and their daily needs. As stated in Acts #2-5.
- ☐ **Paul's ministry is not only to proclaim the gospel; he wants people the understand the benefits of living a life of Abundance in the Kingdom of God.**

I. WHY DOES THE BIBLE ENCOURAGE US TO GIVE ABUNDANTLY TO THE WORKS OF GOD?

A. So we can generously support the Advancement of the Kingdom of God.

- ☐ Because "**God is able** to bless us abundantly,(v.8)
- ☐ Abundant life begins thru generous giving.
- ☐ Generous giving is not based on the amount you give, it is the amount of the heart that gives.

B. To Bring Honor and Glory To God (2 Cor 9:11-12)

- ☐ Why does God give riches? That they may be applied to his glory and the good of men.
- ☐ Why does he increase riches? That those who have them may share it that it may bring glory to God. **Abundance should always be so employed as to produce thanksgiving to God.**
- ☐ **"You can give without being generous, but you can't be generous without giving."**

II. HOW SHOULD OUR GOOD WORK AFFECTS OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

A. Good Works Are Evidence of God's Grace At Work In A Believer

- ☐ **1 Tim 5:25**, In the same way, **good deeds are obvious**, and even those that are not cannot be hidden.
- ☐ **It's just natural for a Christian to produce good deeds because of Christ. (1 Tim. 6:18)**
- ☐ **Heb.13:16**, And **do not forget to do good and to share with others**, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

B. Good Works Are Good Fruits That Gives Glory To God (2 Cor.9:11), (2 Cor.9:12-13).

- ☐ **It is proof of your faith. Many people will praise God because you obey the Good News of Christ — the gospel you say you believe** — and because you freely share with them and with all others.NCV

CHALLENGE:

- Paul says, “And God is able to bless you abundantly,(v.8) Magagawa ng Diyos na pasaganain ka sa lahat ng bagay. For what reason?
- So All believers can generously support the works of God! That Christ be glorified, and so we can abound in every good work!