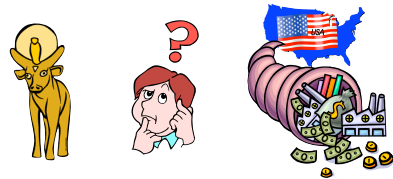


2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Supplying seed
for the sower

The Old Testament Prophets were most
concerned about one particular sin

IDOLATRY



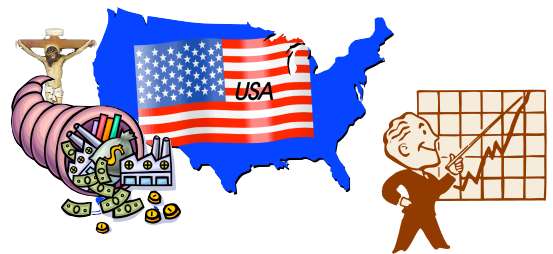
If we do not recognize the idols
we can not destroy them.

When the Kingdom supplants the King
liberals confuse the Good News
with the “secular utopia” -



- where Jesus is a poster-boy
for a political agenda.

When the Kingdom supplants the King
conservatives confuse the Good News with
the “good life.”



- where Jesus is a water-boy
for a personal success.

2 Corinthians 9

“6 Now this I say, he who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully.”

***Being blessed
is tied to being a blessing.***

1 Peter 3

“8 To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, 9 not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.”

***We are not blessed for seeking
revenge, or justice but for
blessing, even (especially) those
who don't deserve it, kind of like
God's actions toward us in Christ.***

2 Corinthians 9

“7 Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; **not grudgingly or under compulsion**; for God loves a cheerful giver.”

***Being a blessing
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***A stewardship posture
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liberality is our real riches.***

2 Corinthians 9

“12 For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through **many thanksgivings to God**. 13 Because of the proof given by this ministry they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all, 14 while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you. 15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”

***Real riches are
our worship offering
to the glory of God.***

The key to abounding in riches

- ✓ Distinguish between true and false wealth.
- ✓ Seek the blessing of true riches by being a blessing with material wealth.
- ✓ A cheerful attitude is not a plus, it is a must.
- ✓ Take up the challenge of being a steward, who is a wise investor for true wealth.
- ✓ Three people are blessed when we give cheerfully -
 - 1) Those who receive the gift,
 - 2) We who give it,
 - 3) God who is worshiped.