**THE DEAREST PLACE ON EARTH**

**Sermon #9: Giving**

**2 Corinthians 9:6-15**

**What is the point of this passage?**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 6)
2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ toward the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 7)

**What do we learn about giving from this passage?**

1. God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Giving (vs. 8)
2. Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through Giving (vs. 9-10)
3. God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Giving (vs. 11-14)
4. Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Giving (vs. 15)

**What are bad motives for giving?**

1. To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Man
2. To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Church
4. To make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with Me

**Application Questions:**

1. Do the math: On average, out of every paycheck, how much do I give to God?
2. Ask the question: Am I cheerfully giving the first things and the best things to God or does he just get the leftovers (if there are any)?
3. Look at your history: How have I increased in my giving and stretched my faith over the last five years?
4. Evaluate your motives: Why am I giving?