

PRAYER

- Thank God for His sufficient grace for you in all things and at all times. Thank Him for enabling you to be generous with what He has given you.
- Ask God to show you how He wants you to use His provision for your daily needs and in demonstrating His grace to others.
- Pray that God will open doors for you to share more resources and have conversations about His grace and generosity with your family and friends.

NOTES



Enriching Grace

WEEK 4

WARM-UP

- Recall a time when you shared what you had with a friend. What did you share and why?
- Tell about a time when you were in need and your friend helped you. What happened, and how did it make you feel?
- What do you think makes generosity difficult? Why?

WORD *And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. 2 CORINTHIANS 9:8*

One way to define grace is "unmerited or undeserved favor." The Apostle Paul talks about grace as blessing. God is able (has the ability) *to make all grace abound* to us. We will have enough for *all things at all times*, and enough even to bless others and *abound in every good work*. Today, let us discover how God blesses us so that we can be a blessing to others.



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1 | God's grace is sufficient to meet our needs.

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. **2 CORINTHIANS 9:8**

God knows what we need even before we ask Him (Matthew 6:8). He knows our needs even before we do. We cannot take Him by surprise. God's enriching grace and power are sufficient to meet all our needs *in all things at all times*. But He isn't just able to provide; He is absolutely willing to give us all we need and more. Share a time when you discovered that God had provided for your needs even before you asked Him.

2 | God's grace enables us to be generous.

⁸*God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. . . .* ¹⁰*He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.* **2 CORINTHIANS 9:8,10**

God enables us to *abound in every good work* by first taking care of us in all things at all times. He both supplies and multiplies our *seed for sowing* as a blessing to others. God's sufficient grace provides for our needs and has a purpose: generosity to others. How does Paul describe the generosity of the Macedonians in 2 Corinthians 8:3–5? By whose will were they generous?

3 | God's grace produces a harvest of righteousness through us.

¹⁰*He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.* ¹¹*You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.* ¹²*For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.*

2 CORINTHIANS 9:10–12

The same way a farmer sows seed and expects a harvest, we can also expect a harvest of righteousness when we are *generous in every way*. God provides for our every need, enables us to be generous, and assures us that our generosity will allow others to experience His grace as well. How has your generosity created an opportunity to preach the gospel? Tell us about it.

APPLICATION

- Is there a need you are asking God to meet? Read and meditate on 2 Corinthians 9:6–12 this week. How can the truth in this passage be more apparent in your life?
- God sufficiently provides for all our needs, including our resources. What do you have that you can give to or share with others this week?
- Who among your family and friends needs to know that God's grace is sufficient for our needs? How can you extend God's enriching grace to him or her this week?