

## **It Doesn't Make Sense**

*Doing What Doesn't Make Sense In Order To Be Christ-like*

Romans 8:28,29; II Corinthians 9:6,7

- I. What is my goal in life?
  - A. Self
  - B. God
    1. Pleasing God - II Cor. 5:9
    2. Loving God - Matt. 22:37
    3. Serving God & others - I Pet. 4:10,11
- II. The context of Paul's request - II Cor. 9
  - A. Paul is taking up an offering for ministry sake - v.1
  - B. The Corinthians have a great reputation of giving - v. 2
  - C. Giving should be from a willing heart - v.5
- III. Principles in giving - II Cor. 9
  - A. Giving and receiving is proportional - v.6
    1. Sparingly -
    2. Bountifully -
  - B. Giving combats self-interests - v.7
    1. Decide - to bring forth; to prefer
    2. Reluctantly - grudgingly or with grief
    3. Compulsion - to be compelled by guilt or need
    4. Cheerful - with great joy
  - C. Cheerful giving enacts extra grace into your life - v.8