A. God Sustains and Blesses a Faithful Giver (v. 10):

1. God continuously provides for a cheerful, bountiful giver. This defrays the cost of what a believer gives.
2. God makes seeds so He is the One who provides jobs or good returns on investments.
3. God continuously provides additional seeds to the believer who is committed to scatter their seed. “There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more. And there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet it results only in want.” (Proverbs 11:24)
   a) Paul hoped and expected that the Corinthians would imitate the Macedonians (cf. 8:1–5) in giving sacrificially and enthusiastically and that they would acknowledge that God was the ultimate source of the gifts given (cf. 9:8, 10).
5. God will actively, greatly increase more seed for sowing.
   a) This does not mean that God makes every Christian wealthy in material things; but it does mean that the Christian who practices grace giving will always have what he needs when he needs it.
6. God gives favor for promotions, better jobs, and scholarships for the kids, etc.
7. This activity leads a believer to grow spiritually because it demands obedience based on a much needed resource. This drives faith in God.
   a) The farmer has to wait for his harvest, but the believer who practices grace giving begins to reap the harvest immediately (Luke 6:38). To be sure, there are long-range benefits from our giving, but there are also immediate blessings.
9. Abundant giving leads to conformity to all of God’s Word. A person that learns this surrenders to God for everything else (Philippians 3:9-11).
   a) Those who live righteous live by faith (Hab. 2:4); faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of Christ (Romans 10:17). The believers in Corinth were supposed to give prior to Paul coming (1 Corinthians 16:1-2) but they did not set the funds aside. So Paul is now sending Titus (2 Corinthians 8:16-18) and challenging the church to do what God in His Word has told them to do. When this is done since righteousness I imputed (Romans 3:22) into us we work it out in fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12-13). One of the signs that demonstrate a person’s spiritual growth is demonstrated by the manner in which they give (Luke 12:34).
   b) The grace of God enriches him morally and spiritually so that he grows in Christian character. In his walk and his work, he depends wholly on the sufficiency of God.
   c) Paul is not suggesting that we earn righteousness by our giving, because the only way to get righteousness is by faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 3:22).
d) If our hearts are right, our giving will be used by God to make our characters righteous. Grace giving builds Christian character (Luke 12:34).

e) Paul quoted Psalm 112:9 to prove his point. That psalm describes the righteous man who has no fears because his heart is sincere and obedient to the Lord. Paul did not suggest that we earn righteousness by our giving, because the only way to get righteousness is by faith in Jesus Christ. However, if our hearts are right, our giving will be used by God to make our characters righteous. Grace giving builds Christian character.

B. God Enriches a Faithful Giver (v. 11a):

1. A believer who is of the nature of verse 10 will constantly experience an abundance in everything whether it is health, spiritual, financial or family related (Psalm 112, 128).
2. Believers suffer no lack (Psalm 23).
3. The believer learns contentment (Philippians 4:11).
4. God’s supply and faithful blessings leads the believer to become an even more generous giver. This is a single-minded, open-heartedness and generosity toward others in which there is no duplicity of motive. “A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.” (Proverbs 11:25; NIV).

C. Faithful Giving Leads to Sincere Worship (v. 11b):

1. This kind of giving successfully and thoroughly leads to a heart of sincere worship to God.
   
a) On the principle that “every generous act of giving is from above” (Jas. 1:17, NRSV), the Jerusalem poor could be expected to render thanks to God for the generosity of the Corinthians and others. These recipients would be told that it was God who had instilled the desire to give (cf. 8:10–11) and had provided the resources to give (cf. 9:8, 10).

2. The generosity of God and the faithfulness of the giver leads to joyous worship.