

2 Corinthians 9

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Text

Greek

	Περὶ μὲν γὰρ τῆς greek Meaning: * The The definite article. Forms Singular Case Masculine Feminine Neuter Nominative ὁ ἡ τό Genitive τοῦ τῆς τοῦ Dative τῷ τῇ διακονίας τῆς greek Meaning: * The The definite article. Forms Singular Case Masculine Feminine Neuter Nominative ὁ ἡ τό Genitive τοῦ τῆς τοῦ Dative τῷ τῇ εἰς τοὺς greek Meaning: * The The definite article. Forms Singular Case Masculine Feminine Neuter Nominative ὁ ἡ τό Genitive τοῦ τῆς τοῦ Dative τῷ τῇ ἀγίους περὶ οὓς μοὶ ἐστὶν greek ἐμὶ is the first person singular verb for "to be" (εἶναι [the infinitive form] = "to be"). It an irregular verb, and, like English, changes significantly between person and tense. For example ἐμὶ is the word for am and ἦν is the word for was, e.g. τὸ greek Meaning: * The The definite article. Forms Singular Case Masculine Feminine Neuter Nominative ὁ ἡ τό Genitive τοῦ τῆς τοῦ Dative τῷ τῇ γράφειν ὑμῖν.
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greek

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The definite article.

Forms

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ἀδελφοῦς

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μή

τὸ

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greek

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The definite article.

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greek

Meaning:

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The definite article.

Forms

Singular Case Masculine Feminine Neuter Nominative ὁ ἡ τό Genitive τοῦ τῆς τοῦ Dative τῷ τῇ

ὑπὲρ

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κενωθῇ

ἐν

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greek

Preposition meaning "in".

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greek

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Forms

Singular Case Masculine Feminine Neuter Nominative ὁ ἡ τό Genitive τοῦ τῆς τοῦ Dative τῷ τῇ

μέλει

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greek

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greek	
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* The	
The definite article.	
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greek	plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigὅ, ἡ, τό
Meaning:	
* The	
The definite article.	
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Singular Case Masculine Feminine Neuter Nominative ὁ ἡ τό Genitive τοῦ τῆς τοῦ Dative τῷ τῇ	λειτουργίας
greek	plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigοὗτος / αὕτη / τοῦτο
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The definite article.	
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greek	plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigὅ, ἡ, τό
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The definite article.	
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greek	plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigκαί
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greek	plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigθεός
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δοξαζόντες

 τὸν

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greek

Meaning:

* The

The definite article.

Forms

Singular Case Masculine Feminine Neuter Nominative ὁ ἡ τό Genitive τοῦ τῆς τοῦ Dative τῷ τῇ

θεῶν

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greek

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 τῇ

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greek

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The definite article.

Forms

Singular Case Masculine Feminine Neuter Nominative ὁ ἡ τό Genitive τοῦ τῆς τοῦ Dative τῷ τῇ

ἡμογαγῆ

 τῆς

plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigὁ, ἡ, τό

greek

Meaning:

* The

The definite article.

Forms

Singular Case Masculine Feminine Neuter Nominative ὁ ἡ τό Genitive τοῦ τῆς τοῦ Dative τῷ τῇ

ἐὺαγγελιον

plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigεὺαγγέλιον

Means “good news” or “gospel”

τοῦ

plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigὁ, ἡ, τό

greek

Meaning:

* The

The definite article.

Forms

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Χριστοῦ

plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigΧριστός

Christ means “anointed one”

The equivalent Hebrew word is Messiah (מָשִׁיחַ)

Noun, masculine.

καὶ

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greek

Meaning

* And * Also * Both * Even * Too * So

Is a conjunction that connects single words or terms or sentences. IT is most frequently translated as “and”

ἀπλότητι

 τῆς

plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigὁ, ἡ, τό

greek

Meaning:

* The

The definite article.

Forms

Singular Case Masculine Feminine Neuter Nominative ὁ ἡ τό Genitive τοῦ τῆς τοῦ Dative τῷ τῇ

κοινωνίας

 εἰς αὐτοὺς

plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigαὐτός

greek

Meaning

* He, she, it * Himself, herself, itself * Same

Personal pronoun (reflexive). Occurs more than 5,000 times in the New Testament.

Core uses Function English Equivalent Typical Translation Example (Greek) Example (English)

καὶ

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greek

Meaning

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εἰς πάντας

plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigἡμᾶς

greek

Meaning

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Adjective.

Usage in the New Testament

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ESV

1	Now it is superfluous for me to write to you about the ministry for the saints,
2	for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year. And your zeal has stirred up most of them.
3	But I am sending the brothers so that our boasting about you may not prove vain in this matter, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be.
4	Otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated- to say nothing of you- for being so confident.
5	So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction.
6	The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
7	Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
8	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.
9	As it is written, “He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

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 for all your generosity, 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.
13	By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission flowing from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others,
14	while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you.
15	Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

NIV

1	There is no need for me to write to you about this service to the saints.
2	For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action.
3	But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you in this matter should not prove hollow, but that you may be ready, as I said you would be.
4	For if any Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we—not to say anything about you—would be ashamed of having been so confident.
5	So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given.
6	Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.
7	Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
8	And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.
9	As it is written: “He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”
10	Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.
11	You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.
12	This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.
13	Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.
14	And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.
15	Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

NLT

1	I really don't need to write to you about this ministry of giving for the believers in Jerusalem.
2	For I know how eager you are to help, and I have been boasting to the churches in Macedonia that you in Greece were ready to send an offering a year ago. In fact, it was your enthusiasm that stirred up many of the Macedonian believers to begin giving.

3	But I am sending these brothers to be sure you really are ready, as I have been telling them, and that your money is all collected. I don't want to be wrong in my boasting about you.
4	We would be embarrassed- not to mention your own embarrassment- if some Macedonian believers came with me and found that you weren't ready after all I had told them!
5	So I thought I should send these brothers ahead of me to make sure the gift you promised is ready. But I want it to be a willing gift, not one given grudgingly.
6	Remember this- a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.
7	You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."
8	And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.
9	As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever."
10	For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.
11	Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.
12	So two good things will result from this ministry of giving- the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.
13	As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ.
14	And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has given to you.
15	Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words!

KJV

1	For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you:
2	For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many.
3	Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready:
4	Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting.
5	Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness.
6	But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.
7	Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.
8	And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:
9	As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.
10	Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)
11	Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.
12	For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;

13	Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men;
14	And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.
15	Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

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