

The Father ... wants to overwhelm us with His grace, so that instead of giving because we are commanded to, or from a sense of guilt, we give from the heart, joyfully, exuberantly and effectively.

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Homework! **Read 1 Chronicles 29** **Homework!**

Abundant and Joyful giving for the building of the Temple.

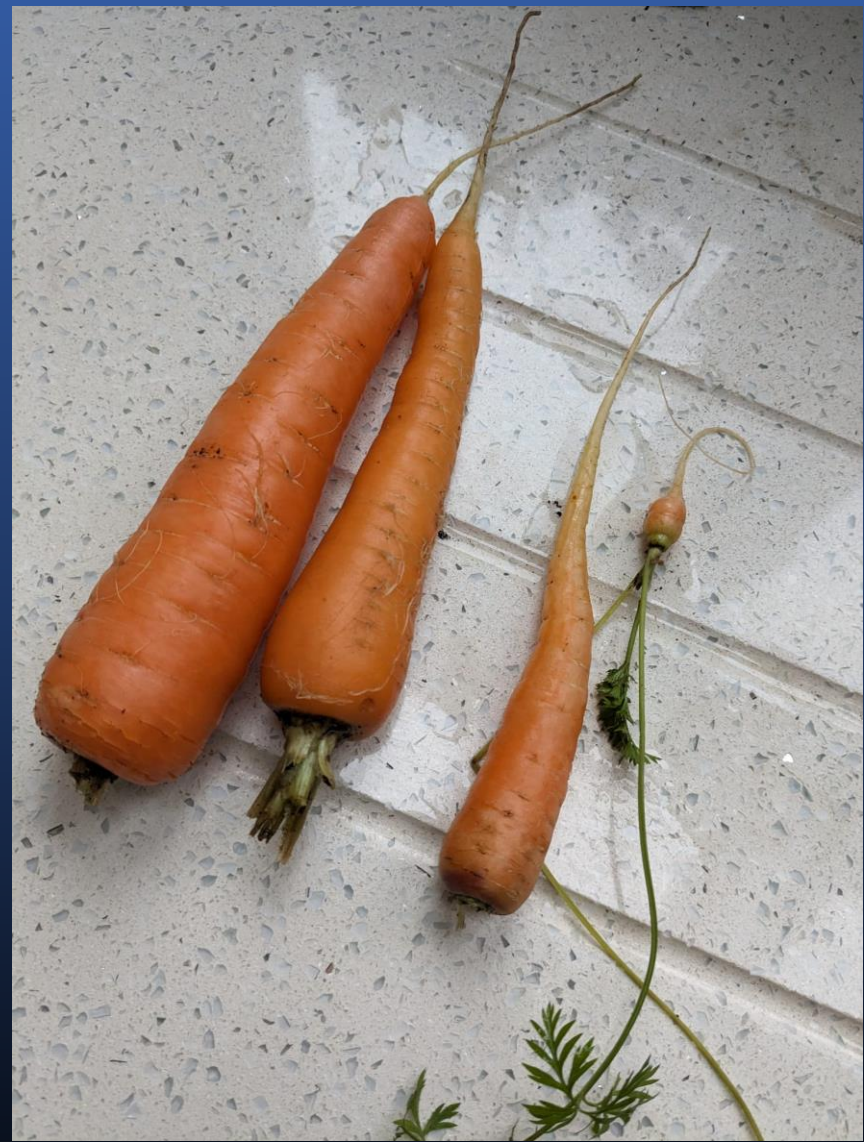
Verse 20 Then David said to the whole assembly, 'Praise the Lord your God.' So they all praised the Lord, the God of their fathers; they bowed down, prostrating themselves before the Lord and the king.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God. (2 Cor 9: 12,13)

A Call to be Like Jesus

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, as He already existed in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but emptied Himself by taking the form of a bond-servant and being born in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death: death on a cross. For this reason also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name.

(Phil 2: 5-9)



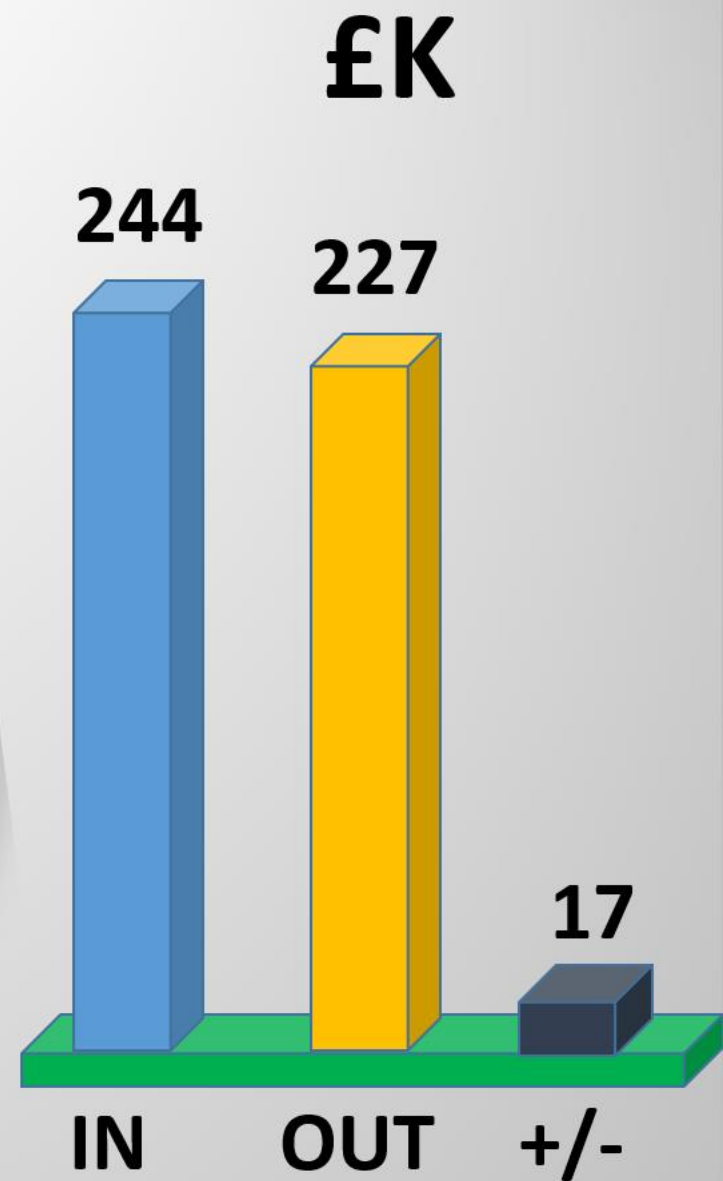
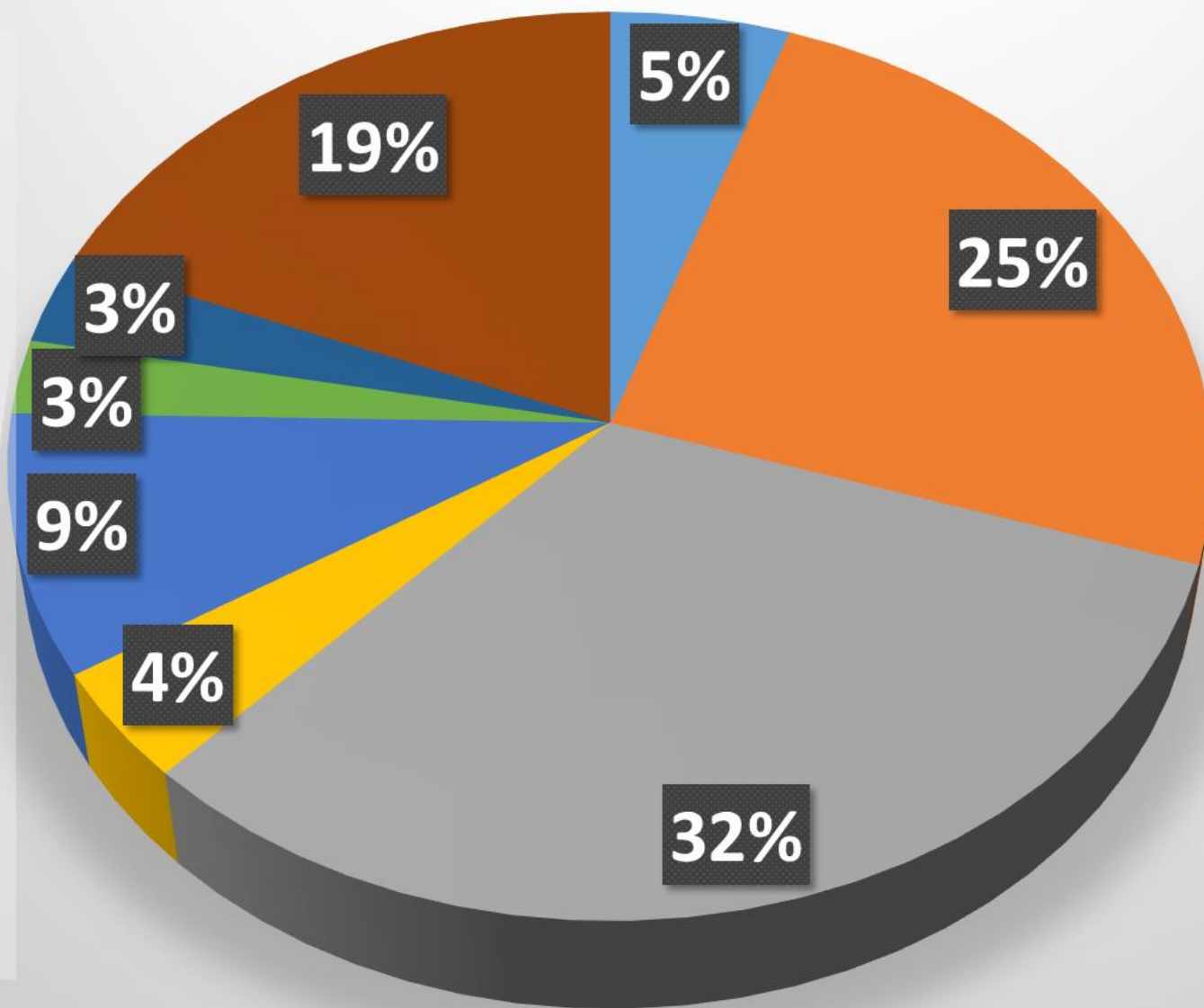
The Harvest Cycle

Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. (John 12: 24)



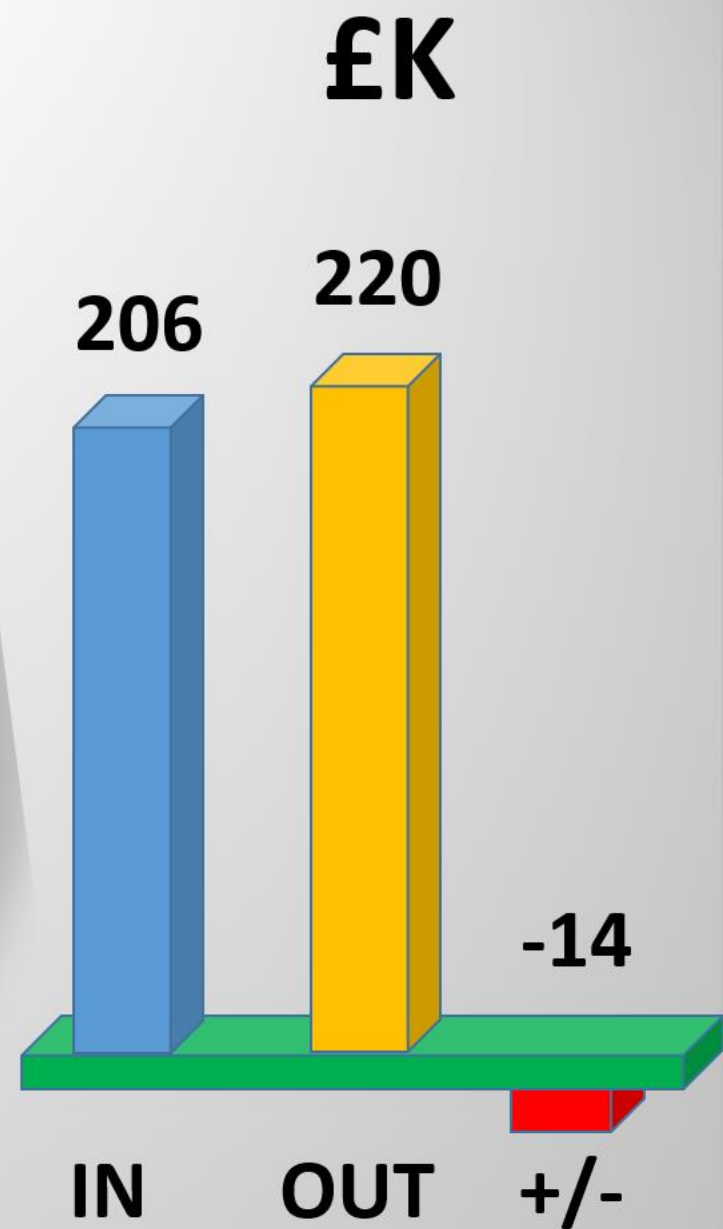
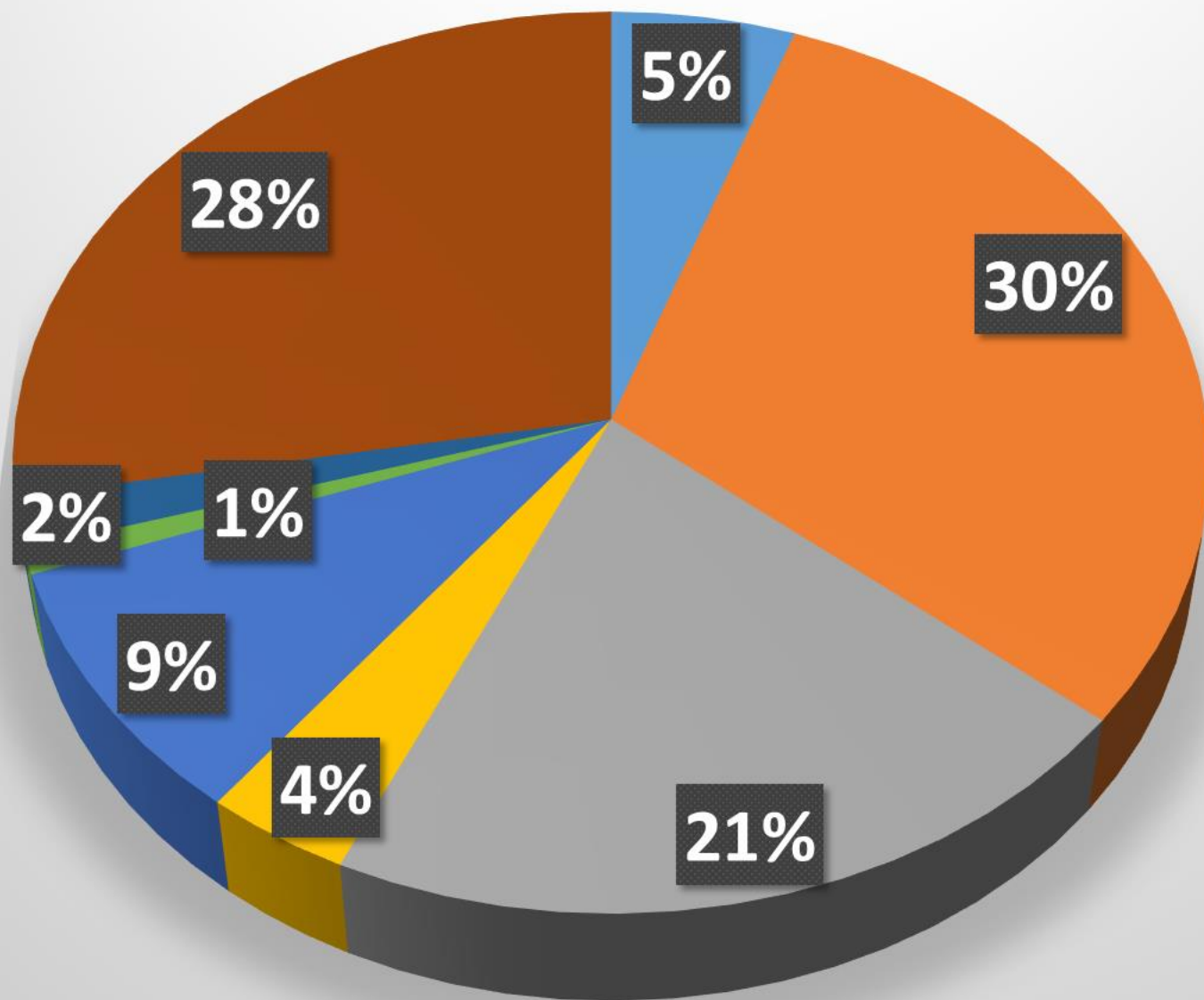
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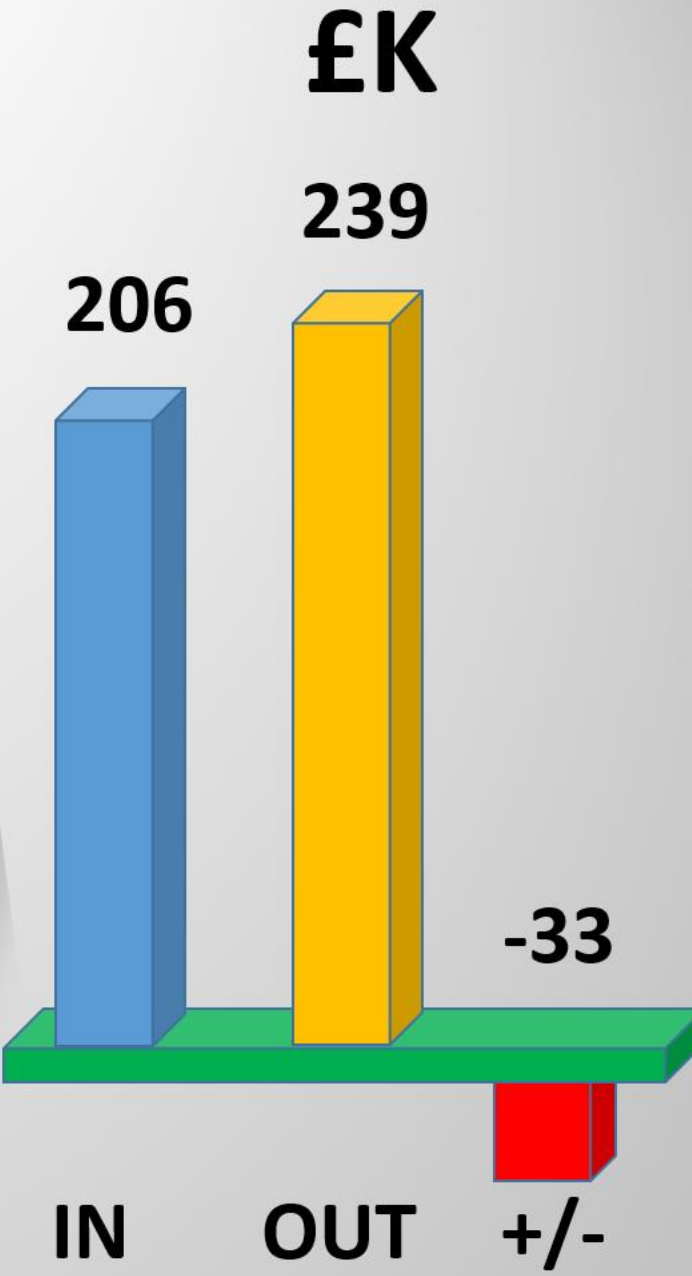
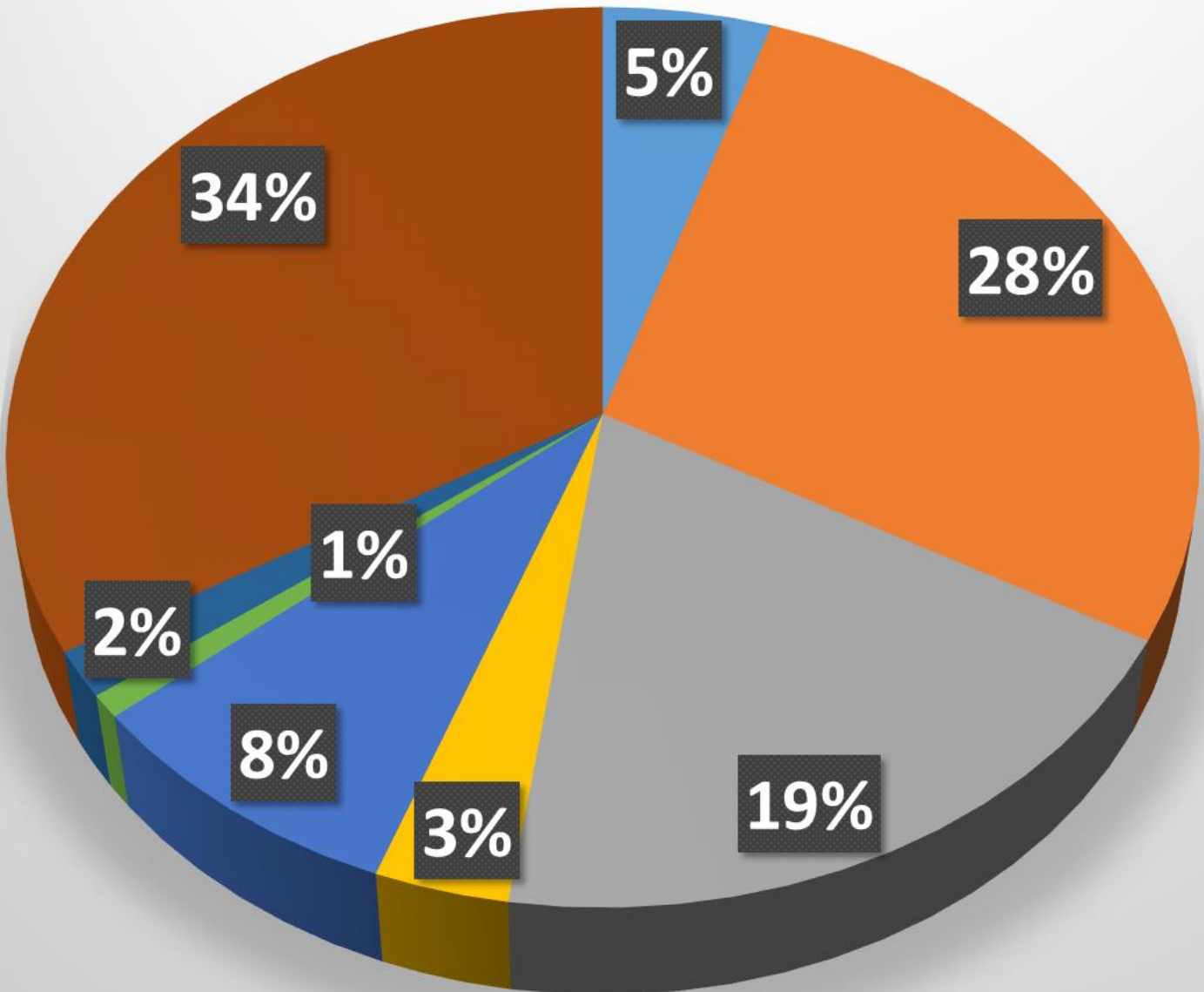
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Paul's Guidelines in 2 Cor 9

1. Plan Thoughtfully

“Finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised.” (v 5)

Paul's Guidelines in 2 Cor 9

1. Plan Thoughtfully
2. Be generous, not grudging

“Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given.” (v 5)

Paul's Guidelines in 2 Cor 9

1. Plan Thoughtfully
2. Be generous, not grudging
3. Prepare for a large harvest

“Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.” (v 6)

Paul's Guidelines in 2 Cor 9

1. Plan Thoughtfully
2. Be generous, not grudging
3. Prepare for a large harvest
4. Respond to God's prompting

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (v 7)

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4. Respond to God's prompting
5. Trust God to provide

“God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” (v 8)

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6. God will give the increase

“Now he who supplies seed to the sower ... will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.” (v 10)

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6. God will give the increase
7. God's intention is abundant blessing

“This ... is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.” (v 12)