



The Grace of Giving

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2 Corinthians 8:1-15

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2 Corinthians 8:1 We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, [2] for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. [3] For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, [4] begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—[5] and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. [6] Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. [7] But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. [8] I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. [9] For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

Application Questions

1) What are some other motives people have for giving other than an apprehension of God's grace?

2) What are some things that keep us from being generous givers?

3) How does God free us from our grip on money and possessions?

Sermon Outline

Apprehension of God's grace produces generosity.

- The generosity of others motivates us to give (1-7)
- Jesus is our model for generosity (8-9)
- The Church cannot be timid about generosity (10-15)

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

»**Senior Saints:** We will be having a party on Friday, February 13th. We will gather in the Geneva Room at 5:30 PM and eat at 6:00 PM. Please bring a side dish and dessert to share; singles can just bring one item. Contact Glenn Timmons, or Jan Baker at [816-519-5485](tel:816-519-5485).

»**Moody Bible Institute Choir**

Concert: On March 8th, we will be hosting the Women's Concert Choir from Moody Bible Institute. We will need the congregation to help with their housing. Please notify the Church office if you are interested in hosting.