

“Grace Filled Giving”
2 Corinthians 8:1-15
Sunday Aug 22, 2010

1 Cor 16:1-4; 2 Cor. 8-9 – Passages dealing with the giving of an offering to the saints in Jerusalem.

2 Cor 8:1-8 – The Example of Giving Through the Impoverished Macedonians:

2 Cor 8:9-15 – The Example Set by The Master Jesus Christ:

We will make 7 observations about grace filled giving:

1. Verses 1-2 – Giving In Adversity:

2 Cor 8:1

Grace – “to give abundantly, to give with no expectation of anything in return.”

2 Cor 8:6-9 gracious work,

2 Cor 8:19 gracious work,

A Christian’s Giving Should Be Motivated By God’s Grace.

Macedonia called Asia Minor which is present day Turkey; Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea.

1 Cor 16:1-4

2 Cor 8:2

“affliction” – “Being placed under great pressure, to determine worth” 1 Thess 1:6; 2:14 (Persecuted)

“deep poverty” – “Destitute”; Roman and Civil wars, exploited and used up the area’s resources.

They Were Giving In Spite of Circumstances!

Liberality – “give with the single-minded purpose to glorify God; uncalculating and free from ulterior motives”

2. Verses 3-4 – Giving Was Spontaneous:

2 Cor 8:3

Gave Beyond Their Comfort Level: “For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability”

2 Sam 24:24

Gave Willingly: “they gave of their own accord”; “according to their own choosing”

2 Cor. 9:7

2 Cor 8:4

Insisted On Giving:

Sometimes Praying is the Substitute for Paying!

Tabernacle of Moses Building Project: Ex 36:5-7

3. Verse 5 – Giving Was In Self-Surrender:

2 Cor 8:5

Giving Is An Act of Worship!

Acts 5 – Ananias, with his wife Sapphira

4. Verses 6-8 – Giving Is Evidence Of Growing Maturity:

2 Cor 8:6-7

“in faith” – “trusting God for great things”

“and utterance” – “speaking forth the Word, forth-telling”

“and knowledge” – “understanding of the revealed truth, doctrine and practice”

“and in all earnestness” – “zeal to do God’s will”

“and in the love we inspired in you” – “loving in spite of difficulty”

Romans 12:8

2 Cor 8:8

Giving Demonstrates One's Love: "proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity of your love also."

"We can give without Loving, but we cannot Love without giving!"

John 3:16

5. Verse 9 – Giving Authenticates Sonship:

2 Cor 8:9

What did Jesus hold back? Romans 8:32

6. Verses 10-12 – Giving In Promise, Also Mean's Performance:

2 Cor 8:10

We Can Invest In Eternity:

Our Time:

Our Talents, Gifts and Abilities:

Resources:

2 Cor 8:11

Giving – A Willingness To Completion: "that just as there was the readiness to desire it,"

"completion of it by your ability." – "It may not be all we intended to do, but it can be all we are able to do."

2 Cor 8:12

Willingness in Giving: "it is acceptable according to what a man has,"

7. Verses 13-15 – Giving Responsibly Means Equality:

2 Cor 8:13

Those that have an abundance of resources have been given a responsibility! 1 Tim 6:6-10; 17-19

2 Cor 8:14-15

Exodus 16:16-21

Application:

1. Grace Giving Is In Spite of Circumstances:
2. Grace Giving Is Willing And At Times Beyond Ones Comfort Level:
3. Grace Giving Is Paying And Not Merely Praying:
4. Grace Giving Is An Act of Worship:
5. Grace Giving Is The Demonstration Of One's Love:
6. Grace Giving Is Done In Willingness Without Pressure:
7. Grace Giving Is Personal Responsibly And Equality: