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Message Series
“Money Matters”

“The Grace of Giving”

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

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.

‘A wealth of generosity’

(Four biblical reasons for being a gracious giver)

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(Prov. 3:9, Lev. 27:30, Malachi 3:8-9, Matt. 22:21, Luke 16:10-12)

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(Deut. 15:11, Acts 4:33-35, Rom. 12:8, 1 John 3:17, 2 Cor. 9:12)

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(Malachi 3:10, Prov. 3:10, Luke 6:38, 1 Cor. 9:6, 10-12)

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(Gen. 14:18-20, Hebrews 13:16, 2 Cor. 8:7, 9:12-15)

How to ‘Excel in the Grace of Giving’

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

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 decided in his heart, 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 to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

1. Give _____.

“Out of...their extreme poverty welled up rich generosity...that gave as much as they were able, even beyond their ability.” (2 Cor. 8:2-3, NIV)

2. Give _____.

“For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.” (2 Cor. 8:12, NIV)

“Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you.” (Deuteronomy 16:17)

3. Give _____.

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion....” (2 Cor. 9:7a)

4. Give _____.

“...for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Cor. 9:7b)

5. Give _____.

“...they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.” (2 Cor. 8:5)