

Disciple's Quest

*If you continue in My word, then you are
truly disciples of Mine.
John 8:31*

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Commitments For the Practice of Faithful Christian Living

Part 8: Be Generous

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Main Idea:

As a people redeemed by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, Christians should give generously, with the right motive and attitude, and with an urgency that is befitting of a grateful heart.

Outline:

5 Characteristics of Gracious Giving

- 1) Gracious giving is motivated by the right appraisal of the grace God has bestowed on us in Christ.
- 2) Gracious giving is not restrained by difficult personal circumstances.
- 3) Gracious giving is proportionate and sacrificial.
- 4) Gracious giving views giving as a privilege.
- 5) Gracious giving is inseparable from worship.

Application - questions for further contemplation after the message:

- #1 What is the ultimate motivation for our giving as Christians?

- #2 Regarding our giving, what is the seemingly natural way to respond to seasons of financial challenge?

What should the guiding principle for our giving be regardless of our present temporal circumstances?

- #3 What does it mean to give sacrificially?

In the message Pastor Vaughn said that gracious giving is estimated not so much in its quantity (the sum that is given) as it is in its sacrificial character. Do you agree? Why or why not?

How should we determine whether our own giving is sacrificial?

Read Luke 21:1-4. Why did Jesus say that the widow who put only two copper coins into the treasury put in the most of all?

- #4 Since God does not need our money to accomplish His work and will, what are the reasons why we should give?

Why did the believers of the Macedonian churches "beg with much urging for the favor" of being allowed to give?

- #5 Why are worship and giving ultimately inseparable?