

The Power of Giving

Purposeful Generosity Part 1

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2 Corinthians 8:1-9 NIV

Introduction:

In our culture today Giving is to people and non-profit organizations are celebrated
But Giving to the Church is met with **Skepticism, Criticism & Cynicism**

I. The Macedonian Example (v.1-5)

- The Macedonian Church Was used as an example
- They suffered severe trials but they still had overflowing joy
- They had extreme poverty but they were still richly generous
- They gave as much as they were able
- On their own, they earnestly pleaded for the privilege to give
- Their giving exceeded expectations
- They gave even BEYOND their ability

II. The Call to Excel (v.6-7)

- Since they excelled in everything else, they were encouraged to excel in giving
- Giving is extending grace to others

III. Genuine Love and the Act of Giving (v.8-9)

- Test Your Love/Giving by comparing it to the Macedonian church
- Jesus is the ultimate example
- The best thing you can do with your money is give
- The best place you can give is to the church