



2ND CORINTHIANS

The image features a background of ancient stone ruins, likely from the Parthenon in Athens, with intricate carvings and columns. Overlaid on this is a large, white, serif font text that reads "2ND CORINTHIANS". The text is centered horizontally and is flanked by two decorative, symmetrical geometric patterns. These patterns consist of interlocking lines forming a complex, lattice-like structure with pointed ends, resembling a stylized knot or a traditional architectural ornament. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern, contrasting with the historical and weathered background.

Put your money where
your mouth *was*

2nd Corinthians 8:1-5

Recap:

- Worldly
- Unimpressed With Paul
- Confused about ministry and purpose

2 Corinthians = A Call to be a
Counter-Cultural-Cruciform Community

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1 Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia:

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2 that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality.

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3 For I bear witness that according to [their] ability, yes, and beyond [their] ability, [they were] freely willing,

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4 imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

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5 And not [only] as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and [then] to us by the will of God.

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6 So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well.

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7 But as you abound in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us--[see] that you abound in this grace also.

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8 I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others.

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9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

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10 And in this I give advice: It is to your advantage not only to be doing what you began and were desiring to do a year ago;

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11 but now you also must complete the doing [of it]; that as [there was] a readiness to desire [it], so [there] also [may be] a completion out of what [you] have.

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12 For if there is first a willing mind, [it is] accepted according to what one has, [and] not according to what he does not have.

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13 For [I do] not [mean] that others should be eased and you burdened;

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14 but by an equality, [that] now at this time your abundance [may supply] their lack, that their abundance also may [supply] your lack--that there may be equality.

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15 As it is written, "He who [gathered] much had nothing left over, and he who [gathered] little had no lack.

OT Quotes:

Exodus 16:18 (v15)

Proverbs 3:3-4 (v21)

Historical Background:

1 Corinthians 16:1–4; Acts 11:27–30;
20:35; Gal. 2:10

v1-

Money is a tool to express our values

The grace of God

-used 10x in Chapters 8-9

Giving is gave motivated, It is relational
and regular.

v2 - Give joyfully in spite of circumstances

“The grace of God must be owned as the root and fountain of all the good that is in us, or done by us, at any time; and it is great grace and favour from God, and bestowed on us, if we are made useful to others, and are forward to any good work.”

- Matthew Henry

v3 -Proportional and from the heart

See the widow's giving in **Luke 21:1-4**

In contrast to Ananias and Sapphira
in **Acts 5**

Where your treasure is, there will your
heart be also (**Matthew 6:21**)

Freewill giving has always been God's plan (cf. 2Co 9:6; Ge 4:2-4; 8:20; Ex 25:1, 2; Ex 35:4, 5, 21, 22; Ex 36:5-7; Nu 18:12; Dt 16:10, 17; 1Ch 29:9; Pr 3:9, 10; 11:24; Lk 19:1-8).

Freely Truthfully Faithfully

v4 - “For the Macedonian Christians, giving was not a chore but a challenge, not a burden but a blessing. Giving was not something to be avoided but a privilege to be desired.” = George Sweeting

v5 - The Secret of Grace Giving

Having an “all in” kind of Giving

Their actions revealed their love and devotion to God and others (cf. Matt. 6:19-21; Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:38; 16:13; Phil. 2:3-8, 20-21; 4:19; 1 Thes. 4:9-10)

Principles of Grace giving (v1-5)

1. We give because of grace
2. To honor God
3. To build relationships
4. To the church for the household of faith first
5. We give in spite of circumstances

6. Sacrificially beyond ability,
7. Freely, sincerely, eagerly
8. To grow spiritually and in relationship with God
9. To express our values
10. We should give more than money,
Give yourself wholly to God first

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The background of the image shows the ruins of an ancient Greek temple, likely the Temple of Apollo in Corinth. The scene is filled with massive stone columns and intricate carvings, set against a clear blue sky. A decorative, white, geometric pattern is overlaid on the center of the image. This pattern consists of a central vertical axis with symmetrical, interlocking lines that form a series of pointed, arch-like shapes, reminiscent of classical architectural motifs. The text '2ND CORINTHIANS' is centered horizontally and vertically within this decorative frame.

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