

THE GRACE OF *Giving*



**Talk It Over
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"We want to tell you further, brethren, about the grace (the favor and spiritual blessing) of God which has been evident in the churches of Macedonia [arousing in them the desire to give alms]; for in the midst of an ordeal of severe tribulation, their abundance of joy and their depth of poverty [together] have overflowed in wealth of lavish generosity on their part. For, as I can bear witness, [they gave] according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability; and [they did it] voluntarily, begging us most insistently for the favor and the fellowship of contributing in this ministration for [the relief and support of] the saints [in Jerusalem]. Nor [was this gift of theirs merely the contribution] that we expected, but first they gave themselves to the Lord and to us [as His agents] by the will of God [entirely disregarding their personal interests, they gave as much as they possibly could, having put themselves at our disposal to be directed by the will of God]." - II Corinthians 8:1-5 (AMPC)

All life begins with a gift, and thus, giving becomes fundamental to our very nature.

From the beginning of the Universe, God instilled a plan of economy by which it is to operate.

God's plan of economy, as given in His Word, presents the history of man from a divine perspective and proposes the management of man's affairs – spirit, soul, body.

This plan is for you, your life. It is all-inclusive of every relationship, commodity, capacity, and capital now and later. It includes your time, your concerns, your love, your emotional and mental capacities, and your spiritual gifts, talents, and abilities.

This plan requires a covenant commitment to fully surrender your life into His hands.

This plan of economy is based on two foundational truths:

First, there is absolute abundance in the Kingdom of God.

Second, it is possible to have total favor with the ruler of that abundance.

God decided to create man as an extension of Himself, of His life.

In our daily interaction with our world, there should be something about you and me that reminds everyone around us of God.

He created us to express His character and nature through our life.

In the beginning, Adam was an extension of God's Presence, an expression of the person of God, and a manifestation of God's power.

Jesus came as the last Adam to prove God's Presence, God's person, and God's power.

He is residing, ruling, reigning and releasing His life through us in the same proportion that we are living yielded to Him.

His gift to us is not just to make our life enjoyable but to make us employable for His Kingdom glory.

Other Scripture References: Psalm 24:1 (AMPC); Romans 11:36 (AMPC); Genesis 1:26; Acts 17:28 (TPT)

NOTES:

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