

***Enduring Passions***  
**“Sharing Life: Give”**  
**2 Corinthians 8:1-9**

*Finances tend to be a private matter for many people. Sadly, even among Christians, the subject of money often causes offense. Refusing to ignore the topic, Paul provides a rationale for giving based on the straightforward reality that God instructs His people to be givers. Simply put, Christian giving is the grace-filled use of material resources to share life.*

**1. Giving as Personal Sacrifice (vv.1, 2)**

**Even in hard times...Christian giving reflects equal sacrifice**

**2. Giving as Planned Spontaneity (vv.3, 4)**

**Not outward compulsion...but inward determination**

**3. Giving as Practical Spirituality (vv.5-9)**

**Dedication to God...motivation of Christ...cooperation of believers**