

## Sermon Notes: 2 Corinthians 8:1-11

*"Jesus lost all His comfort so that we could gain eternal comfort. And if that grace has really taken hold of us, it will inevitably loosen our grip on our own comfort."* Tim Keller

Outline:

1. The example
2. The problem
3. The pattern
4. The invitation

*"If we only spent more of our time in looking at Jesus we should soon forget ourselves."*  
Martyn Lloyd Jones

*"Paul does not say that the Macedonians were generous because they were disciplined or committed, but because grace had captured their hearts. Grace always comes before sacrifice."* Tim Keller

*You are the most influential person in your life because no one talks to you as much as you do.*

*What you hold onto in life, holds you.*

*"I'm afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditures on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc., is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditure excludes them."* CS Lewis