

# *Grace Giving*

January 8, 2023

Main Thought: The Lord desires Grace-giving

# Scripture Text

## **2 Corinthians 8:1-5** CSB

1. We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that was given to the churches of Macedonia:
2. During a severe trial brought about by affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.
3. I can testify that, according to their ability and even beyond their ability, of their own accord,
4. they begged us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in the ministry to the saints,
5. and not just as we had hoped. Instead, they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us by God's will.

# *1. Grace-giving begins in the heart*

## **2 Corinthians 8:4-5 CSB**

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- 5. and not just as we had hoped. Instead, they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us by God's will.

## *2. Grace-giving is modeling the same grace of our Lord Jesus Christ*

### **2 Corinthians 8:7,9** CSB

7. Now as you excel in everything—in faith, speech, knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love for us—excel also in this act of grace.
9. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: Though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

### 3. *Grace-giving ensures sufficiency to continue giving*

#### 2 Corinthians 9:6, 8 NKJV

- 6. But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
- 8. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

## 4. *Grace-giving personalizes the gift.*

### **2 Corinthians 9:7** NKJV

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.



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