

**Giving in Grace**– 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; 9:6-12 October 16, 2022

Money is more than we think it is. And its power over us is greater than we realise.

"All giving should be a response to and motivated by grace".

In the second part of our God | Money series, Pete Greasley takes us to 2 Corinthians and asks what does the scripture call us to in our giving?

For personal reflection/community discussion

**Read** – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

**Examine** – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

**Apply** - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- What's the difference between giving by law and giving by grace? How has the difference mentioned played out in your life? How might grace giving make us more generous; not less?
- In what way are the Macedonians like Jesus? How might we learn from their example?
- Pete concluded by encouraging us to ask the Lord 'What could I give?'- what is He saying to you?
- Is God first?