



2 Corinthians 8 page 967

3 Group

'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'
Acts 20:35

4

Acts 20:35

**Generosity is not something He wants
from us but for us.**

5

**¹We want you to know, brothers, about the
grace of God that has been given among
the churches of Macedonia, ²for in a
severe test of affliction, their abundance
of joy and their extreme poverty have
overflowed in a wealth of generosity on
their part. ³For they gave according to
their means, as I can testify, and beyond
their means, of their own accord,**

6

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

**⁴begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—
⁵and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace.**

7

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

⁷But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. ⁸I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine.

8

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

MYTH #1

**CHRISTIANS GIVE GENEROUSLY
BECAUSE THEY ARE NATURALLY NOBLE**

**¹We want you to know, brothers, about the
grace of God that has been given among
the churches of Macedonia,**

2 Corinthians 8:1

MYTH #2

**CHRISTIANS GIVE GENEROUSLY ONLY
WHEN THEY HAVE THE RESOURCES**

2for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

2 Corinthians 8:2

13

2 Corinthians 8:2

MYTH #3

**CHRISTIANS GIVE ONLY WHAT
THEY CAN AFFORD TO GIVE**

14

**³For they gave according to their means,
as I can testify, and beyond their means,
of their own accord, ⁴begging us earnestly
for the favor of taking part in the relief of
the saints**

2 Corinthians 8:3-4

MYTH #4

**CHRISTIANS GIVE GENEROUSLY
ONLY WHEN COERCED TO**

**⁴begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—
⁵and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.**

2 Corinthians 8:4-5

MYTH #5

**CHRISTIANS GIVE GENEROUSLY
WHEN THEY HAVE THE
SPIRITUAL GIFT OF GIVING**

⁷But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. ⁸I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine.

2 Corinthians 8:7-8

What is my next step in generosity?

**What is my next step in generosity?
Initial Giver**

21

**What is my next step in generosity?
Initial Giver
Consistent Giver**

22

What is my next step in generosity?

Initial Giver

Consistent Giver

Priority Giver

23

**⁹Honor the LORD with your wealth
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;
Proverbs 3:9**

24

Proverbs 3:9

What is my next step in generosity?

Initial Giver

Consistent Giver

Priority Giver

Surrendered Giver

25

What is my next step in generosity?

Initial Giver

Consistent Giver

Priority Giver

Surrendered Giver

Eternal Giver

26

MYTH #6

**CHRISTIANS GIVE GENEROUSLY
MAINLY TO GET SOMETHING**

27

**⁹For you know the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet
for your sake he became poor, so that you
by his poverty might become rich.**

2 Corinthians 8:9

28

2 Corinthians 8:9

**We give our first and our best
because God loved us first
and gave His best in Jesus.**

29

MYTH #1

CHRISTIANS GIVE GENEROUSLY BECAUSE THEY ARE NATURALLY NOBLE.

MYTH #2

CHRISTIANS GIVE GENEROUSLY ONLY WHEN THEY HAVE THE RESOURCES.

MYTH #3

CHRISTIANS GIVE ONLY WHAT THEY CAN AFFORD TO GIVE.

MYTH #4

CHRISTIANS GIVE GENEROUSLY ONLY WHEN COERCED TO.

MYTH #5

CHRISTIANS GIVE GENEROUSLY WHEN THEY HAVE THE SPIRITUAL GIFT OF GIVING

MYTH #6

CHRISTIANS GIVE GENEROUSLY MAINLY TO GET SOMETHING

30

