

The Grace of Giving

Scripture Reference: 2 Corinthians 8:1 (NLTse)

[8:1] Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia.

[2] They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity.

[3] For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will.

[4] They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem.

[5] They even did more than we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do.

Which camp do you fall into?

Christians shouldn't become rich.

Christians should be poor.

I could be happy if I had more money.

The more money I have the more I want.

QUESTION: Why is it you can give to a good cause and still not feel happy?

List two characteristics of the people in the churches from our scripture reference that shows their financial status.

List the two characteristics given in the scripture reference that tells us how they gave.

Verse 5 gives a key insight on the secret to their joyous, but sacrificial living.

What's in your wallet? Just a buck or blessings that God can use and expand his kingdom.