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Grace Giving

2 Corinthians – Part 12 (2 Cor. 8:1-12)

Romans 15:25-27 “But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints. ²⁶For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem. ²⁷It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things.”

How to tell if we are practising Grace Giving:

1. Grace Giving Gives _____ (vs 1-2)
2. Grace Giving Gives _____ (vs 3-4)

Ways people are motivated to give:

- (a) Giving out of _____
 - (b) Giving to _____
 - (c) Giving to _____
 - (d) Giving to _____ - popular today
3. Grace Giving Gives _____ (vs 5-9)
 - (e) First give yourself to _____ and then to _____ (vs 5)
 - (f) Be motivated by _____ (vs 7-8, John 15:12-13)
 - (g) Be _____ (vs 9)
 4. Grace Giving Gives _____ (vs 10-12)

Let us be like Christ in these ways.

2 Corinthians 8:1-12

¹Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: ²that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. ³For I bear witness that according to *their* ability, yes, and beyond *their* ability, *they were* freely willing, ⁴imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. ⁵And not *only* as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and *then* to us by the will of God. ⁶So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well. ⁷But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—*see* that you abound in this grace also.

⁸I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

¹⁰And in this I give advice: It is to your advantage not only to be doing what you began and were desiring to do a year ago; ¹¹but now you also must complete the doing *of it*; that as *there was* a readiness to desire *it*, so *there also may be* a completion out of what *you* have. ¹²For if there is first a willing mind, *it is* accepted according to what one has, *and* not according to what he does not have.