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Legacy of Grace

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(2 Corinthians 8-9)

(Psalm 112:5-6) "It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice. 6 For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever."

(2 Corinthians 8:8) "I say this not as a commend,"

(2 Corinthians 9:7) "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

(2 Corinthians 8:1-4) "We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ² for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saint. ⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us."

(2 Cor. 8:8) "I say this not as a command, but to prove... that your love also is genuine."

It's possible to be financially rich and yet poor in generosity. It's possible to be financially poor and yet rich in generosity & Joy.

7 Essentials of Grace Based Giving

1. It's n _____ about the a _____. (2 Cor. 8:9-12)

"For 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. ¹⁰ And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. ¹¹ So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. ¹² For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have."

2. Give to the point that you s _____ in their suffering. (2 Cor. 8:13-14)

"For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness 14 your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness."

3. Stop thinking like an a _____. (2 Cor. 8:15)

"As it is written, 'Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.'"

4. Giving leads to g _____ graces. (2 Cor. 9:6, 10-11)

"He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully... (10) (the God) who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness (as you give). [11] You will be enriched in every way..."

5. You understand why God p _____ you. (2 Cor. 9:11b)

"You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way."

6. You love seeing God work in p _____ more than collecting stuff. (2 Cor. 9:11c)

"...which through us will produce thanksgiving to God."

7. You just can't g _____ o _____ what Jesus did for you. (2 Cor. 8:9)

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