

*THE GRACE OF GIVING*  
*II Corinthians 8:1-15*

*“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 through His poverty might become rich”*  
*II Corinthians 8:7*

- I. Giving: A gift from God 8:1-2
  - A. Grace - Beyond our abilities  
Severe trial                      Overflowing joy  
Extreme Poverty                Rich generosity
  - B. Grace - Beyond our Circumstances  
Severe trial/extreme poverty
  - C. Grace - A example: Inspiring/Contagious
  
- II. Giving: A place of Privilege
  - A. Pleading to Give  
Not facing our circumstances  
Facing God riches
  - B. A Privilege to share  
Pleading for the privilege  
Serving the Saints  
Matthew 25:31-40  
“...whatever you did for one of the least of these  
Brothers of mine, you did for me”
  
- III. Giving: First to Christ 8:5
  - A. Giving ourselves to Christ
  - B. The rich young man unable to see God riches
  - C. Keeping Gods Will  
Matthew 6:33  
“Seek first His Kingdom and Righteousness.....”  
Psalm 37:4  
“Delight yourself in the Lord.....”

- IV Giving: A consistent commitment 8:6-7
  - A. Titus to help complete their commitment
  - B. Many gifts our given
  - C. Excel Grace of Giving
  
- V Giving: Responding to Christ 8:8-9
  - A. Testing the sincerity of love
  - B. Comparing earnestness
  - C. The Greatest example
    - Philippians 2:3-11
    - “Who, being in very nature God, did not consider Equality with God something to be grasped, but Made himself nothing.....even death on a cross....”
  
- VI Giving: Evidence of a willing heart 8:10-12
  - A. Willingness = Acceptable gift
    - Mark 12: 41-44
    - The poor widow, what did see know?
    - “They gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on”
  
- VII. Giving: Creates Equality 8:13-15
  - A. Entering the community of believers
  - B. Joy in Equality
  - C. Plenty for everyone