

Questions

1. In 2nd Corinthians 7 Paul noted how the grace of God brought about grief over sin and repentance among those professing faith in Corinth. How does God's grace provide a transition to the teaching on giving that is in chapters 8 and 9?
2. Describe some of the ways that you continue to be a recipient of the grace of God?
3. Read Philippians 2:5-8. What does this passage have to do with a believer's commitment to generous giving?
4. Have you seen ways in which your giving has contributed to unity within the body of Christ?
5. Are you cheerful about giving? Do you need to grow in giving joyfully?
6. Have fears (concerns) over your circumstances ever held you back from fully trusting the Lord and giving generously?
7. Is it time for you to start giving a proportion of your income to the Lord, or to reconsider the proportion that you have been giving?
8. Read 2 Corinthians 9:10-15. In what ways should the Gospel of Jesus Christ be influencing your giving?

Need prayer? Someone will be up front by the piano to pray with you after the 1st & 2nd services.

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Biblical Generosity

Faithfully stewarding the gifts God entrusts to us

Excel in this Act of Grace

2 Corinthians 8-9

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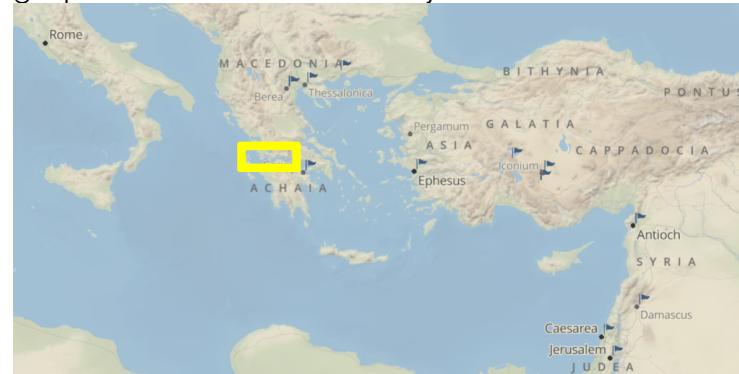
Our series concludes with some of the New Testament's most direct teaching on giving. In 2nd Corinthians 8 and 9, the apostle Paul gives four reasons for believers to give, two reasons that should *not* influence our giving, and four simple instructions to help us in our giving.

Background:

God "richly provides" for His people so that we can be "rich in good works, generous, and willing to share" (1 Timothy 6:17-18).

God's people are to be faithful stewards since He is the creator and the master over all things, including our lives (Matt 21:33-46).

God used Paul to start a church in Corinth. 2nd Corinthians is the last of at least four letters Paul wrote to the church. In it, he praised God for their repentance and embrace of the truth, and he taught them about giving as a way of responding to the gospel of Jesus Christ that they had believed.



Biblical Generosity is to

2.Under Compulsion

1.Respond to God's Grace

Give

1.Freely

2.Imitate Jesus Christ

2.Cheerfully

3.Encourage Unity in the Body of Christ

3.Proportionately

4.Generously

Do Not Give

1.For Personal Enrichment