

II Corinthians Series

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Key verse- v. 2 & 5 *“How that in a great trial of affliction, the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality...And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave of their own selves to the LORD, and unto us by the will of God.”*

Theme- The God of great Giving

How does God want us to give?



Philippi

Thessalonica

Berea

Troas (Troy)

Athens

Corinth

Ephesus

Iconium

EUROPE



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God wants us to give v. 1- 7

Paul was encouraging those in Corinth to be exercised in giving:

This is a continuation of his exhortation from 1 Cor 16

Paul is using the example of other Churches to help them gauge their level of commitment

- *V. 1- 2*
- *V. 19*
- *V. 23*
- *V. 24*

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The Church at Corinth did participate *Rom 15: 25- 28*

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What kind of attitude do you have when you give?

- James 4: 2- *“...yet ye have not, because ye ask not.”*
- John 11: 22- *“But I know even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee”*
- John 14: 13- 14- *“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.”*
- Col 2: 9- 10- *“For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the godhead bodily, and ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:”*
- John 15: 7- 9; 16- 17
- John 16: 23- 24

Five attitudes of giving:

Shirk- ignore

Shelve- put off

Shoulder- give in your own strength

Shed- give & stop

Share- ask for God's **help**

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GRACE= God's help,
when we need it,
to accomplish His will

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Giving proves your love to Jesus v. 7, 8, 11, 24

Abounding in:

- Faith
- Utterance
- Knowledge
- Diligence
- Love for the brethren
- Financial giving



All these require the
GRACE of God

Giving is Christ-like v. 9

Giving should be proportional v. 10- 15

Ultimately, what you give shows the extent your faith in
God's ability to provide your needs

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Our giving should be cared for honestly *v. 16-24*

Three men were assigned and accountable for the money & gifts given for the relief of the saints in Jerusalem:

- Titus *v. 16*
- The brother *v. 18*
- Another brother *v. 22*

So they would be unblameable *v. 20- 21*

So others would have confidence *v. 22*