

Power in weakness #7

The grace of giving

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

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1. Serving two masters - a fundamental conflict of interest

Money tests the genuineness of our faith

Give yourself first - you can't buy salvation

2. Paul's collection for the Jerusalem Church

Fellowship responds to need

Demonstrating thankfulness

Demonstrating unity - Jew and Gentiles are one in Christ

3. Motives for giving

Keep your promise (v6, 10-11)

The example of the Macedonian churches -
they gave generously from their poverty and trials v1-5

Demonstrate sincerity of your love v8

Equality - sharing with those in need v13-15

Responding to the grace of Jesus - THE primary motive v9

4. The marks of genuine CHRISTIAN giving / faith

Willing

Generous

Joyful - an expression of Grace

Thankfulness to God - a response to God's grace

***“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor,
so that you through his poverty might become rich.”***

2 Corinthians 8:9

“... see that you also excel in this grace of giving” v7