

My World
Part 9: Financing the Plan
2 Corinthians 8:1-15

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Main Point: Grace Given By God Overflows In Generosity

- I. Background: The Jerusalem Offering***
- II. The Example of the Macedonian Churches (8:1-4)***
 - A. Foundation: Generosity is a Result of God's Grace in Your Life (8:1)
 - B. Principle #1: Biblical Giving is Generous (8:2-3)
 - C. Principle #2: Biblical Giving is Voluntary (8:3-4)
 - D. Principle #3: Biblical Giving is Enthusiastic (8:3-4)
- III. Application to the Corinthian Church (8:5-15)***
 - A. Principle #4: Biblical Giving is a Reflection of our Spiritual Growth (8:5-8)
 - B. Principle #5: Biblical Giving Follows the Example of Jesus (8:9)
 - C. Principle #6: Biblical Giving Makes Sure that the Act of Giving Follows Through with the Desire to Give (8:10-12)
 - D. Principle #7: Biblical Giving Recognizes Different Seasons of Life (8:13-14)
 - E. Principle #8: Biblical Giving is Proportional (8:13-15)
- IV. Application to Me and FBC Prescott***
 - A. Overall Question: Does my current giving reflect the level to which God has acted in my life?
 - B. Directional Questions:
 1. Does your level of giving to FBC Prescott reflect your level of support for our mission?
 2. Are you prepared to informally give to support your oikos?

Fellowship Group Homework and Discussion

Getting Started

1. Do you like or despise sermons on money? Why?
2. What thought from last week's sermon impacted you the most? Why?

Going Deeper

3. Read Philippians 1:3-6, 4:14-19
 - In what ways did the Philippian church partner with Paul?
 - What was the result of their partnership?
4. For each passage below, give a one-sentence summary of the principle that we learn about our use of money:
 - Matthew 6:19-24
 - Luke 10:25-37
 - Luke 12:13-21
 - Luke 18:18-30
 - Luke 21:1-4

5. Read Psalm 24:1
 - Who owns everything you have?

 - If you are a steward of God's property, how good of a steward are you?

 6. Assume that you take all of your money and possessions to an investment broker and ask him to invest it in certain ways. Instead, the investment broker invests it in completely different ways and then ends up losing it all. What would your reaction be?

 7. If God is the owner and we are the investment broker, what implications does that have for how we earn, spend, save and give our possessions?

 8. What change do you need to make in your use of money help FBC Prescott carry out its mission?

 9. What change do you need to make in your use of money to reach your oikos with the good news of Jesus Christ?

 10. There are nine excellent questions to ask every time we study a passage of Scripture. Some of them will apply better to one passage while others will apply to another. Pick one of these questions to answer based upon this sermon and your study.
 - Is there an example for me to follow?

 - Is there a sin to avoid?

 - Is there a promise to claim?

 - Is there a prayer to repeat?

 - Is there a command to obey?

 - Is there a condition to meet?

 - Is there a verse to memorize?

 - Is there a doctrine to believe?

 - Is there a challenge to face?

 11. What attribute of God emerges from this passage or study? Make sure to worship God for that attribute in your time of prayer.
- For Deeper Application**
Sharing from this section is much more personal and is always voluntary. Only share the answer to this question if you feel comfortable doing so.
12. Most people in US churches do not give generously (if they give at all). Would you be embarrassed to stand before God with your current level of giving?