

REINVIGORATED GIVING



2 Corinthians 8+9

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A story and example of the Macedonian Churches

A church excelling in many things! – yet what about giving?

What the Apostle Paul doesn't do and does do here

TO THINK AND PRAY ABOUT

As you look at the example of the Macedonian churches and their giving, what stands out for you and how does that need to affect your giving?

What things do we as a church excel in?

Why does the Apostle Paul address the issue of giving? Why is giving important in the Bible and therefore in our own lives?

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Excelling in the gracious act of giving

Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia. ² They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity.

³ For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. ⁴ They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. ⁵ They even did more than we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do.

⁶ So we have urged Titus, who encouraged your giving in the first place, to return to you and encourage you to finish this ministry of giving. ⁷ Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.

⁸ I am not commanding you to do this. But I am testing how genuine your love is by comparing it with the eagerness of the other churches.

⁹ You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.