

Lesson 14
An Example of Generosity
2 Corinthians 8:1-9

I. The example of the Macedonians (8:1-5)

A. God's grace to the Macedonians (8:1)

- Paul wants to tell the Corinthians about _____ to the Macedonians.

B. The condition of the Macedonians (8:2)

- The Macedonians were facing extreme difficulties such as _____.
- Paul points out that in spite of their condition they had _____.

Question: Why would the fact that the Macedonians had joy in the midst of affliction seem strange to us today?

- The Macedonians also _____ because of their liberality.

Question: What excuses do we normally have for not giving? How does this compare with the Macedonians?

C. Paul's testimony of their giving (8:3-4)

1. Their ability and attitude (8:3)

- Paul states that they freely gave beyond their _____.

2. Their determination (8:4)

- The Macedonians urged Paul to _____.
- They wanted to be a _____.

D. The Macedonians' priorities (8:5)

- The Macedonians were giving to _____.

Question: In what ways are the Macedonians excellent examples of generosity?

II. Concerning the Corinthians (8:6-7)

A. Titus' task (8:6)

- Paul urged Titus to give the Corinthians an opportunity to experience _____.

B. The call to give (8:7)

- The Corinthians are to abound in the grace of giving as they abound in _____.

III. The test of the Corinthians (8:8-9)

A. A test not a command (8:8)

- Paul is not commanding the Corinthians to _____.
- Rather Paul is wishing to test the _____.

Question: How is giving a test of their sincerity concerning their love?

Question: How can the fact that giving is not a commandment be a freeing thing for believers? How can it be a test?

B. The example of Jesus (8:9)

- Jesus gave up His riches so that we _____.

Question: Why is Jesus Christ the supreme example of sacrificial giving?
