

2 Corinthians Series: "Learning to Lean on God"
"Excelling in the Grace of Giving"

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2 Corinthians 8:1-7

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Introduction:

- A. 2 Corinthians 8 is one of the best chapters in the Bible about _____.
- B. _____ talked about _____ more than any other subject.
- C. It is a subject that needs to be addressed as often as it comes up in the _____.

I. Understanding the Word

- A. One of the major ministries of Paul's _____ missionary journey was the taking of a special "relief _____" for the poor Christians in _____.
- B. The _____ were not doing their part in this offering.
- C. Paul began his appeal with an _____, not a _____.
- D. Knowing how motivated the Corinthians had been to excel in other forms of spirituality, Paul now challenged them to excel in the grace of _____.
- E. Paul now turned their attention to the supreme example of _____.
- F. Paul illustrated the principle of _____ of supply from the account of God's provision of _____ to the Israelites in the wilderness.
- G. Paul's plan for the collection ensured that it would be impossible to charge him with selfishly, _____ funds.

II. Applying the Word

- A. Our Financial Giving Should be Prompted by _____.
- B. Our Financial Giving Should be Based on What we _____.
 - 1. Oswald Sanders: "The basic question is not how much of _____ money should we give to God, but how much of _____ money should we keep for ourselves?"
- C. Our Financial Giving Should Naturally follow the Giving of _____ to God.

Conclusion:

- A. Two _____ stories:
 - 1. The story of a nameless, _____, young _____.
 - 2. The story of a man named _____.

Answer Key: Intro. A. giving. B. Jesus, money. C. text. I.A. third, offering, Judea. I.B. Corinthians. I.C. example, plea. I.D. giving. I.E. Christ. I.F. equality, manna. I.G. misusing. II.A. Grace. II.B. Have. II.B.1. our, God's. II.C. Ourselves. Concl.A. contrasting. A.1. rich, man. A.2. Zacchaeus.