



## To Be A Blessing

Blessed To Be A Blessing - Part 2 of 2  
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**Big Idea:** We are perhaps never more God-like than when we are giving out of a heart of love.

**Text:** 2 Corinthians 8 & 9

And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the **privilege of sharing** in this service to the saints. – 2 Corinthians 8:1-4

### I. GIVING IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT JUST AN OBLIGATION, SO CULTIVATE A \_\_\_\_\_ HEART.

And they did not do as we expected, but **they gave themselves first to the Lord** and then to us in keeping with God's will. – 2 Corinthians 8:5

### II. GIVING IS A "HEART-THING", SO \_\_\_\_\_.

But the king replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing." – 2 Samuel 24:24a

### III. GIVING CONSISTENTLY AND GENEROUSLY IS A MARK OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY, SO SEEK TO \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE GRACE OF GIVING.

But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also **excel in this grace of giving**. – 2 Corinthians 8:7

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse." – Malachi 3:10a

**IV. GIVING IS ALWAYS \_\_\_\_\_ IN HIS OWN WAY, SO EXPECT TO REAP A HARVEST.**

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and **whoever sows generously will also reap generously.** – 2 Corinthians 9:6

You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. – 2 Corinthians 9:11

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?” – Luke 16:10-11

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. – 1 Timothy 6:18-19

**MEMORY VERSE**

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