

Series Title:

"Whose Kingdom Are You Building?"
(Coming to Terms with **Our** Role as **His** Stewards)

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Sermon Title:

"Stewardship in Troubled Times"
(Part2)

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Sermon Text:

II Corinthians 8:1-5

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Introduction:

"There is no way to grow into spiritual maturity without being committed in your giving to the Lord!"

I. Biblical Giving Is More A Matter Of The _____ Than A Matter Of Our _____.

(8:1-2)

- *Christian giving is always a _____ to what _____ has done in our lives!*
- The Greek word for "grace" (*charis*) means "God's _____."
- *Grace is _____ for _____ to those who don't deserve _____!*
- Understanding the relationship between *Christian giving* and *God's grace*:

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- What does the phrase "*in a great ordeal of affliction*" mean?
- What is the meaning of the Greek word translated "*deep poverty*"?

The Macedonian churches were spiritually persecuted, physically afflicted, and financially depleted!"

- *The greater their depth of _____, the greater their abundance of _____!*
- Mark 12:41-44
- Don't let your circumstances overwhelm your _____ and _____. Honor God and He will honor you!

II. Biblical Giving Becomes A Real _____ When It Comes Out Of Real _____. (8:3a)

- Paul says that they gave "*beyond*" – literally "*_____ to*" their ability.
- *The grace of giving is dictated solely by your grasp of _____ in your life and your willingness to demonstrate that you are _____ for it!*

- Out of the Macedonians' deep poverty, the grace of God accomplished two things:
1) open-_____ and 2) open-_____!

Formula: _____ + _____ + _____ = *Generous Christian Giving!*

Conclusion:

- Here are two important principles that will help you live consistently and effectively as His steward:

✓ **God says that we are to** _____
(1 Timothy 6:7-9; Hebrews 13:5; Philippians 4:11-13)

Do you live consistently _____?

Do you distinguish biblically between “_____” and “_____?”

✓ **God says that we are to** _____

To give “*sacrificially*” means that my giving cuts into my _____ so that I feel it.

To give “*consistently*” means that our giving should be _____ and _____.

God won't give _____ you unless He can give _____ you!

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.