

**Series Title:**

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

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**Sermon Title:**

***"Are You Rich In Stuff Or Rich Toward God?"***  
(Part 4)

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**Sermon Text:**

II Corinthians 8:6-9

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**Introduction:**

- There are two conclusions that Paul lays out for the believers in Corinth, and for us:

**I. Unchanging For His Children (8:6-8)**

- Paul challenges the Corinthian church in three very specific areas:

**The First Challenge:** ***He Wanted Them To \_\_\_\_\_ What They Had \_\_\_\_\_*** (v 6)

- The Corinthians were hindered by at least two problems – **the problem of \_\_\_\_\_**  
And **the problem of \_\_\_\_\_**. (8:11-12)

*“Intentions, promises, vows, and resolutions are useless without action!”*

**Lesson To Be Learned:** ***Good Intentions Alone Are Never \_\_\_\_\_!***

**The Second Challenge** ***He Wanted Them To Do As Well In Their \_\_\_\_\_ As They  
Were In The Rest Of Their \_\_\_\_\_***. (v 7)

*“Despite the fact that Corinth was a vibrant and exciting church, rich in the gifts of the Spirit – up to this point, open-hearted generosity had not been one of their strong points!”*

- How balanced is your spiritual life?

**Lesson To Be Learned:** ***Growth In Grace Is An \_\_\_\_\_ Spiritual Endeavor!***

**The Third Challenge:** ***He Wanted Them To Know That If They \_\_\_\_\_,  
Then They Would Give Like They \_\_\_\_\_!*** (v 8)

- Giving to God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the love that we say we have for Him!

- 1 John 3:17; Matthew 6:21

**Lesson To Be Learned:** ***Giving Of Our Financial Resources Is A True \_\_\_\_\_ Of  
Our Heart’s True \_\_\_\_\_!***

II. Ultimate Of Gracious Giving (8:9)

- There are three important truths about Christ's giving that need to be considered:

A. His Giving Was By (v 9a)

*"The way Jesus lived his life revealed complete trust in God's activity, in God's provision, in God's care, and in God's grace."*

- **Sacrificial giving is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's grace at work in our lives.**

B. His Giving Was Through (v 9b)

- Colossians 1:16-17; Philippians 2:6-8; Matthew 8:20
- *How does His poverty benefit us?*

C. His Giving In Our (v 9c)

*"He who was rich became poor for the sake of those of us who were spiritually 'bankrupt' in our sins."*

- **Because of His poverty we can become \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ rich!**
- **There are only two kinds of riches: \_\_\_\_\_ Riches (Luke 12:16-21), and \_\_\_\_\_ Riches. (Ephesians 1:7-8)**

*"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess." (Martin Luther)*

**Conclusion:**

***We Must Withhold Nothing from the God Who Gives Everything!***