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**FAITH, FAMILY, FUTURE
THE JOY OF GIVING
2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 12**

Because of our relationship with God and others. 2 Cor. 8:1-5, 7, 9

- Give because we have received God's **grace**. 2 Cor. 8:1; 7, 9; Eph. 2:1-4, 8-9
- Give because God has **first** place in our lives. 2 Cor. 8:5, 9; Matt. 6:21, 33; Col. 1:18; Mark 12:28-31, 41-44
- Give because of our spiritual **growth** and maturity. 2 Cor. 8:7; Rom. 12:1-2, 8:29; Eph. 4:13-15
- Give because we want to **touch** other lives. 2 Cor. 8:4-5; Phil. 4:15-16; John 13:34-35; Phil. 2:3-4; Rom. 12:10-13; Matt. 6:21

Because of our right attitude. 2 Cor. 8:2-5, 8-9, 12

- I give out of abundance of **joy**. 2 Cor. 8:2-4; 6:10; 9:7; 12:9; Phil. 4:13, 15-16
- I give because I am **free** to give, not forced to. 2 Cor. 8:2-3, 8; Phil. 2:3-4; Rom. 12:13; Mark 12:28-31, 41-44
- I give with what I have, but I **will** give. 2 Cor. 8:2-3, 12; Phil. 4:13-15; Mark 12:41-44

Application—now what?

- Examine **where** we are with our giving.
- Examine what others have done for you and what you are **willing** to do for others.
- Examine what **part** you want to play in God's Kingdom work.