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SERMON NOTES April 10, 2022

Excel in the Grace of Giving

2 Corinthians 8:6-7; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Proverbs 11:24-25

The scripture says we should abound in everything and see to it that we abound in the grace of giving. We must excel in giving as we excel in other areas.

Excel means to:

- super abound in quantity and quality
- to be in excess or exceed a fixed number
- to overflow

According to scripture the grace to give was on the entire church. The scripture mentions the deep poverty of the church. Their circumstances did not dictate their willingness to give.

They Had Excelled In:

- Faith
- Speech
- Knowledge
- All Diligence / Earnestness
- Love for Paul

"It's one thing to tell people what to do and another thing to tell them <u>how</u> to do <i>it." – Pastor Billy R. Johnson.

How Do We Excel In The Grace Of Giving?

Practice Giving (2 Corinthians 9:6)

"You can never excel in what you don't practice." – Pastor Billy R. Johnson.

Purpose in your Heart to Give (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Do not let the world tell you how to give.

"You have to decide to give before you get." – Pastor Billy R. Johnson

Believe God's Promise for Givers (2 Corinthians 9:8)

Because you excel in the grace of giving, He will make all other things abound in you.