
Excel in the Grace of Giving
2 Corinthians 8:1-7 (NKJV)

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⁷ But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you abound in this grace also.

2 Corinthians 8:7 (NLT)

⁷ Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.*

God wants to do something bigger in you than what is happening around you so you can help change what is happening around you.

“You have to play bigger than your size.” – Steph Curry

GRACE OF GIVING

The GRACE OF GIVING Was on The Entire Church of Macedonia (v1)

The grace of giving is on the house of New Covenant.

Things you’ve been praying for is in the hands of someone.

The GRACE OF GIVING Had to Be Completed in The Church at Corinth. (v6)

Paul had to write to the Church at Corinth to encourage them.

The GRACE OF GIVING Was Something They Were to Excel In (v7)

The Church of Corinth excelled in faith, speech, knowledge, all diligence, and love. They were also encouraged to, also, excel in the grace of giving.

“God want you not just to give but excel in giving.” – Pastor Billy Johnson

HOW DID THE CHURCH OF MACEDONIA EXCEL IN THE GRACE OF GIVING?

Difficulties Did Not Dictate Their Giving (v2)

They had many trials yet they still gave liberally

“God is my source.” – Pastor Billy Johnson

They Were Determined to Give (v3)

2 Corinthians 8:3–4 (ESV)

³*For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord,*

⁴*begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—*

- Nobody had to promise them anything.
- Nobody had to pump them up. They were already excited to give.
- Nobody had to pry the money from their hands,

“It’s my giving that puts receiving in motion.” – Pastor Billy Johnson

They Dedicated Themselves to the Lord First (v5)

“At some point in your life, **you** become the offering.” – Pastor Billy Johnson