



“Giving”

The Principles
II Corinthians 8:1-6

Biblical giving is about:

I. Desire – “grace of God bestowed on the churches” (vs. 1-2)

Desire that comes from:

- A. Grace** – “we do you to wit of the grace”
- B. Gladness** – “the abundance of their joy”
- C. Generosity** – “the riches of their liberality”

II. Dedication – “the fellowship of the ministering” (vs. 3-5)

Dedication that is:

- A. Sacrificial** – “beyond their power they were willing”
- B. Steadfast** – “Praying us with much intreaty”
- C. Surrendered** – “first gave their own selves to the Lord ”

III. Determination – “insomuch we desired Titus” (v. 6)

Determination to:

- A. Purpose** - “that as he had begun”
- B. Perform** – “he would also finish in you”
- C. Praise** – “the same grace also”

Sentence Sermon

*“When people are smitten by the Love and Grace of God,
they cannot help but give all that they are to God.”*

Additional Verses

- *Proverbs 11:24-25*
- *Matthew 6:1-4, 19-33*
- *Mark 12:41-44*
- *Luke 6:35-38*
- *Acts 4:32- 5:10*
- *Acts 11:26-29*
- *Romans 12:8, 13; 14:5, 23*
- *Romans 15:26-27*
- *I Corinthians 9:9-14*
- *I Corinthians 16:1-3*
- *Galatians 6:6-10*
- *Philippians 4:10-19*
- *I John 3:16-17*

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. What does it mean for giving to be “a grace” that is bestowed?
4. Why does anyone give?
5. What are some excuses believers use for not giving? (hint: v. 2-3)
6. What is the real reason that believers do not give? (hint: v. 5)
7. Why are some believers so persistent in giving?
8. How would you rate your practice of giving? (How could you improve?)
9. Why do churches always preach about giving?
10. What difference does it make if we give or not? Give examples.