

A Ministry of Giving - 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

- I. The Care of the Macedonian Churches, v. 1-5
 - A. The Christians gave liberally, v. 1-3

- B. They gave carefully, v. 4-5

- II. Being Excellent in Giving, v. 6-12
 - A. Giving in grace, v. 6-7

- B. Giving proves the sincerity of love, v. 8

- C. Pattern your giving after Christ, v. 9

- D. Give as a reminder of your receipt, v. 10

- E. Give willingly, v. 11-12

- III. The Correct Perspective of Needs, v. 13-15
 - A. Understanding your needs, v. 13-14
 - *Acts 20:35; Rom. 12:12; 1 Tim. 6:10, 17-19

- B. The example of the manna, v. 15

- How are you excelling in grace towards others for the praise of God?
 - What practical ways can you maintain a heart of love in giving?
 - How can Christians fail to trust God when it comes to material needs?
 - What does it mean to give out of one's poverty?
 - Debate in your group: what do we as Americans categorize as needs when they are actually wants?

Next week: 2 Cor. 8:16-24