

“Blessed are the fundraisers.
In heaven, they shall stand on the right
hand of the martyrs.” —John R. Mott

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Needs in Jerusalem and Judea

- Challenges of Growth
- Realities of Persecution
- Demands of Taxation

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¹We want you to know,
brothers, about the grace of
God that has been given among
the churches of Macedonia,
²for in a severe test of
affliction, their abundance of
joy and their extreme poverty
have overflowed in a wealth of
generosity on their part.

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³For they gave according to their
means, as I can testify, and
beyond their means, of their own
accord, ⁴begging us earnestly for
the favor of taking part in the
relief of the saints—⁵and this, not
as we expected, but they gave
themselves first to the Lord and
then by the will of God to us.

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⁶Accordingly, we urged Titus that
as he had started, so he should
complete among you this act of
grace. ⁷But as you excel in
everything—in faith, in speech,
in knowledge, in all earnestness,
and in our love for you—see that
you excel in this act of grace
also. —2 Corinthians 8:1-7 ESV

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▶ Biblical Instruction on the Grace of Giving

2 Corinthians 8:2-3

Refuse to allow your
circumstances to become
an excuse for your
lack of generosity.

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Realize your opportunity
for spiritual growth
through giving.

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...give, and it will be given to
you. Good measure, pressed
down, shaken together, running
over, will be put into your lap.
For with the measure you use
it will be measured back to
you. —Luke 6:38 ESV

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In all things I have shown you
that by working hard in this way
we must help the weak and
remember the words of the
Lord Jesus, how He Himself said,
“It is more blessed to give than
to receive.” —Acts 20:35 ESV

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“Apparently many Christians don’t believe
God’s promises. They carry around the
idea that they have to protect everything
they have and hold on to it. They become
hoarders and they become stingy and they
become self-indulgent and protective.
It’s really a matter of faith. It’s a question
of trust and belief. You either believe it or
you don’t. If you do, you give because
giving is more blessed and giving causes
God to give back in greater abundance.”

—John MacArthur

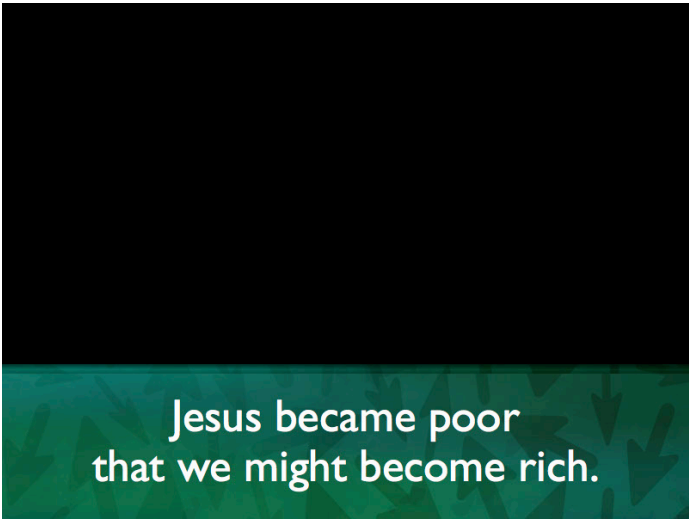
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2 Corinthians 8:8-15

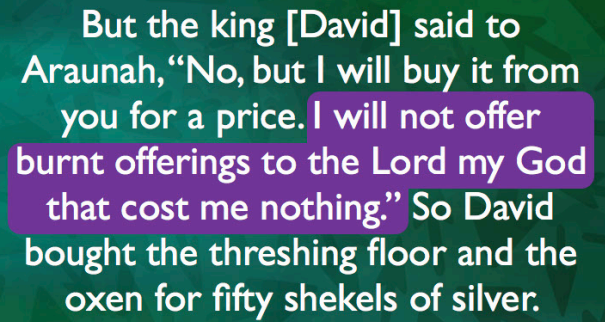
Repent of your tendency to
make giving a matter of
convenience rather than
sacrifice.

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Jesus became poor
that we might become rich.

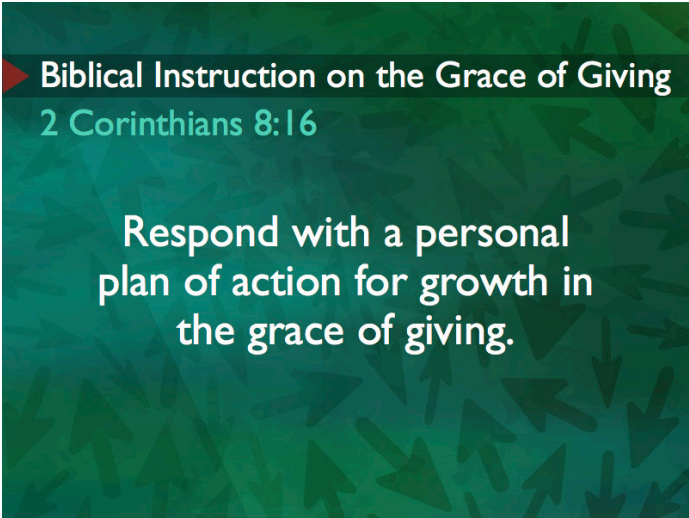
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But the king [David] said to
Araunah, “No, but I will buy it from
you for a price. I will not offer
burnt offerings to the Lord my God
that cost me nothing.” So David
bought the threshing floor and the
oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

—2 Samuel 24:24 ESV

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2 Corinthians 8:16

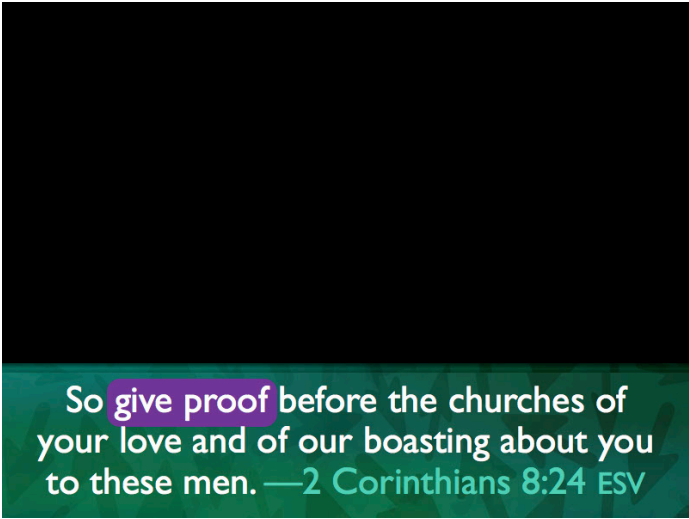
Respond with a personal
plan of action for growth in
the grace of giving.

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I Corinthians 16:1-4

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So give proof before the churches of
your love and of our boasting about you
to these men. —2 Corinthians 8:24 ESV

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