

41AND HE SAT DOWN OPPOSITE THE TREASURY AND WATCHED THE PEOPLE PUTTING MONEY INTO THE OFFERING BOX. MANY RICH PEOPLE PUT IN LARGE SUMS.

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42AND A POOR WIDOW CAME AND PUT IN TWO SMALL COPPER COINS, WHICH MAKE A PENNY. 43AND HE CALLED HIS DISCIPLES TO HIM AND SAID TO THEM, "TRULY, I SAY TO YOU,

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THIS POOR WIDOW HAS PUT IN MORE THAN ALL THOSE WHO ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE OFFERING BOX. 44FOR THEY ALL CONTRIBUTED OUT OF THEIR ABUNDANCE,

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BUT SHE OUT OF HER POVERTY HAS PUT IN EVERYTHING SHE HAD, ALL SHE HAD TO LIVE ON;" —MARK 12:41-44

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GOD NOT ONLY SEES THE AMOUNT WE GIVE, HE KNOWS THE BALANCE.

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I. BEGIN BY GETTING HONEST ABOUT YOUR MOTIVES

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⁵AND THIS, NOT AS WE EXPECTED, BUT THEY GAVE THEMSELVES
FIRST TO THE LORD AND THEN BY THE WILL OF GOD TO US...
⁷BUT AS YOU EXCEL IN EVERYTHING—IN FAITH, IN SPEECH,

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IN KNOWLEDGE, IN ALL EARNESTNESS, AND IN OUR LOVE
FOR YOU—SEE THAT YOU EXCEL IN THIS ACT OF GRACE ALSO.
—2 CORINTHIANS 8:5, 7

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FOR YOU KNOW THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THAT
THOUGH HE WAS RICH, YET FOR YOUR SAKE HE BECAME POOR, SO
THAT YOU BY HIS POVERTY MIGHT BECOME RICH. —2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

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“GENEROUS DISCIPLES ARE MOVED BY WHAT MOVES GOD;
THEY WANT TO PARTNER WITH GOD.”

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AND WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM, FOR WHOEVER
WOULD DRAW NEAR TO GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE EXISTS
AND THAT HE REWARDS THOSE WHO SEEK HIM. —HEBREWS 11:6

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2. ESTABLISH A REGULAR PATTERN AND
PRACTICE OF SYSTEMATIC GIVING

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¹NOW CONCERNING THE COLLECTION FOR THE SAINTS:
AS I DIRECTED THE CHURCHES OF GALATIA, SO YOU ALSO
ARE TO DO. ²ON THE FIRST DAY OF EVERY WEEK,

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EACH OF YOU IS TO PUT SOMETHING ASIDE AND STORE IT UP,
AS HE MAY PROSPER, SO THAT THERE WILL BE NO COLLECTING
WHEN I COME. —1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-2

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³SO I THOUGHT IT NECESSARY TO URGE THE BROTHERS TO
GO ON AHEAD TO YOU AND ARRANGE IN ADVANCE FOR THE GIFT
YOU HAVE PROMISED, SO THAT IT MAY BE READY

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AS A WILLING GIFT, NOT AS AN EXACTION. ⁴THE POINT IS
THIS: WHOEVER SOWS SPARINGLY WILL ALSO REAP SPARINGLY, AND
WHOEVER SOWS BOUNTIFULLY WILL ALSO REAP BOUNTIFULLY.

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⁷EACH ONE MUST GIVE AS HE HAS DECIDED IN HIS HEART,
NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER COMPUSSION, FOR GOD LOVES
A CHEERFUL GIVER. —2 CORINTHIANS 9:5-7

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BUT 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 COR. 8:7

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¹⁵DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD OR THE THINGS IN THE WORLD. IF ANYONE LOVES THE WORLD, THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM. ¹⁶FOR ALL THAT IS IN THE WORLD—THE DESIRES OF THE FLESH

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AND THE DESIRES OF THE EYES AND PRIDE OF LIFE—IS NOT FROM THE FATHER BUT IS FROM THE WORLD. ¹⁷AND THE WORLD IS PASSING AWAY ALONG WITH ITS DESIRES,

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BUT WHOEVER DOES THE WILL OF GOD ABIDES FOREVER.
—1 JOHN 2:15-17

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3. SEEK SACRIFICE, NOT JUST SUPPORT

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BUT SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE ADDED TO YOU. —MATTHEW 6:33

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"SO MANY, EVEN CHRISTIANS, HAVE BEEN DRAWN INTO THE DELUSION THAT THIS WORLD IS REALLY EVERYTHING, THAT SOMEDAY WE WILL BE CONTENT, THAT, 'PROVIDING FOR ONE'S FAMILY

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MEANS BEING ABLE TO GIVE THEM MORE AND BETTER,
THAT RELATIONSHIPS WILL BE ENRICHED BY WEALTH AND
THAT WEALTH WILL MAKE US BETTER PEOPLE.” —RANDY ALCORN

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BUT THE KING 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.”

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SO DAVID BOUGHT THE THRESHING FLOOR AND THE OXEN
FOR FIFTY SHEKELS OF SILVER. —2 SAMUEL 24:24

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4. TRUST GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

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³⁸THE MAN FROM WHOM THE DEMONS HAD GONE BEGGED THAT
HE MIGHT BE WITH HIM, BUT JESUS SENT HIM AWAY, SAYING,
³⁹“RETURN TO YOUR HOME, AND DECLARE HOW MUCH

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GOD HAS DONE FOR YOU.” AND HE WENT AWAY,
PROCLAIMING THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE CITY
HOW MUCH JESUS HAD DONE FOR HIM. —LUKE 8:38-39

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⁸AND GOD IS ABLE TO MAKE ALL GRACE ABOUND TO YOU,
SO THAT HAVING ALL SUFFICIENCY IN ALL THINGS AT ALL TIMES,
YOU MAY ABOUND IN EVERY GOOD WORK. ⁹AS IT IS WRITTEN,

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"HE HAS DISTRIBUTED FREELY, HE HAS GIVEN TO THE POOR;
HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER." ¹⁰HE WHO
SUPPLIES SEED TO THE SOWER AND BREAD FOR FOOD

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WILL SUPPLY AND MULTIPLY YOUR SEED FOR SOWING
AND INCREASE THE HARVEST OF YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.
¹¹YOU WILL BE ENRICHED IN EVERY WAY

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TO BE GENEROUS IN EVERY WAY, WHICH THROUGH US
WILL PRODUCE THANKSGIVING TO GOD.
—2 CORINTHIANS 9:8-11

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"THE MATERIAL BLESSINGS OF THIS LIFE ARE EITHER A MIRROR IN WHICH
WE SEE OURSELVES OR A WINDOW THROUGH WHICH WE SEE GOD.
THE PROUD, SELFISH PERSON THINKS HE DESERVES ALL THE BLESSINGS

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AND THINKS ONLY OF HIMSELF. THE PERSON WHO KNOWS THAT ALL
BLESSINGS COME FROM GOD LOOKS AWAY FROM HIMSELF
TO THE LORD WHO GIVES SO RICHLY." —WARREN WIERSBE

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