

The **cross** is the ultimate example of giving. When we see what Christ gave for us, we're moved to give for others—not to earn favor, but to express gratitude.

PRACTICES INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. (v10-24)

“For we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord’s sight but also in the sight of man.” (v21)

Christ-like giving is not only generous—it’s **trustworthy**.

Are you... **giving** Faithfully (Pro.3:9-10), **saving** Systematically (Pro.21:20), **spending** Strategically (Pro.24:3) with the goal of being **debt-free** Financially. (Pro.21:5) 10/10/80

BRINGS GLORY TO GOD. (v19b–24)

“As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for your benefit. And as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ.” (v23)

Giving builds **unity** in the body of Christ and brings **glory** to Christ.

Christianity says my money belongs to God:

All that I have is **given** by God. I Praise Him! (Ps.24:1)

All that I need is **promised** by God. I Trust Him. (Phil.4:19)

All that I give is **rewarded** by God. I Give to Him. (2Cor.9:6-7)

All that I do is **accountable** to God. I Live for Him. (Rom.14:12)

All that I long for is **found** in God. I’m Satisfied in Him! (Ps.63:3)

Growing Notes

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1–24. What strikes you most about the Macedonians’ attitude toward giving? How does their example challenge you personally?

Verse 7 says to “excel in this act of grace (giving).” What would it look like for you or your group to “excel” in generosity today?

Verse 9 describes Jesus’ ultimate act of generosity. How does remembering the gospel change the way we view our possessions?

Integrity and accountability in giving was important to Paul. Why is financial transparency and accountability so essential in the church today?

Think of a time when you gave — money, time, or help — and saw God use it in a powerful way. What did that experience teach you about God’s character?

Challenge Question: In what area of your life might God be calling you to be more generous — with your finances, your time, or your forgiveness?



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2025



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Ray Davis

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- >Elders/Pastors available after every service to pray with you.
 - >Call the church office to be added to the prayer chain.
 - >Sunday night prayer meeting 6pm, in the lobby
- >Elders meeting 3rd Wed. monthly, Elders available for prayer and anointing.

James 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.



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REGISTRATIONS

Check out our website for upcoming events @ dbcc.com
Please register for classes that require Childcare

Church office hours: Mon-Thurs 9am - 3pm 602-374-4588

We are thankful for your prayerful, consistent and faithful giving.



Weekly Giving Nov.15/16

Actual \$28,559 - Budget \$28,500 - YTD AVG \$29,242

DYTM : \$177



Jesus is the epitome of generosity! There is no possible way you can truly know Him and not become more generous. As Christians we don't focus on being LIKE Christ but focus on being WITH Christ and over time we will be more and more like Christ.

CHRIST-LIKE LIVING (GIVING)...

BEGINS WITH GRACE. (v1-5)

“We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia.” (v1)

True generosity begins with grace, not guilt.

Even when life is hard—when we're in our lows—God's grace empowers us to be generous. The grace of giving flows from a life fully yielded to Christ.

SHOWS ITSELF IN ACTION. (v6-8)

“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.” (v7)

Christ-like giving is NOT measured by amount, but by attitude and willingness.

A Biblical Theology of Giving:

- ✓ **Tithing** : Giving the first 10% to your local church family. (Gen.14:18-20 Pre-Law; Lev.27:30-32; Matt.23:23)
- ✓ **Offerings** : Freewill, sacrificial giving beyond the tithe. (Deut.16:10; Phil.4:15-18)
- ✓ **Alms** : Giving to the poor and needy. (Deut.24:17-22; Matt.6:1-4)

We may talk about faith, worship, or holiness—but if generosity is missing, our love/faith is incomplete.

REFLECTS CHRIST'S EXAMPLE. (v9)

“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.” (v9)

Christ-like giving flows from remembering the Gospel. (Phil.2:6-8)