

*God is able to make all grace
abound to you, so that in all things
at all times, having all that you
need, you will abound in every good
work.*

2 Corinthians 9:8

Scripture Reading:

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

1 And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. 2 Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, 4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints.

5 And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. 6 So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part.

7 But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

8 I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

Before Moses

Freewill Giving:

- A Tenth or Tithe was offered by Abram and Jacob.

-Required Giving:

- God, through Joseph, established a taxation model of 20 % during the seven years of abundance

From Moses to Jesus

Required Giving:

Tithe #1: The Levite's Tithe - *Num. 18:21, 24*

Tithe #2: The Festival Tithe - *Deut. 14:22-26*

Tithe #3: The Poor Tithe - *Deut. 14:28-29*

Israel's Profit-Sharing Plan

The Temple Tax

The Sabbath Year Rest

For Land

For Debts

From Moses to Jesus

Freewill Giving:

Free Will Offerings

Ex. 35:5

5 “Take from among you an offering to the Lord. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the Lord:”

From Moses to Jesus

Freewill Giving: Free Will Offerings

Ex. 35:5, 21; 36:5

“Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring an offering...”

“...Everyone who was willing and whose heart moved him came and brought an offering...”

“The people are bringing more than enough...”

From Moses to Jesus

Freewill Giving:

First Fruits Offerings

Prov. 3:9-10

*Honor the LORD with your wealth,
with the firstfruits of all your crops;
then your barns will be filled to overflowing,
and your vats will brim over with new wine.*

From Jesus to Today

Required Giving:

Matt. 17:24-27

Temple Tax

Matt. 22:15-22

Roman Tax

Romans 13:1-2, 6-7; Titus 3:1

From Jesus to Today

Required Giving:

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Matt. 23:23

Luke 18:12

Hebrews 7:4ff

From Jesus to Today

Freewill Giving:

Principles vs. Law

9 Principles for Giving

Principles for Giving

#1

Giving is investing with God

Luke 6:38

Matthew 6:19-21, 24

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Matthew 19:21

Principles for Giving

#2

Giving is to be sacrificial

Mark 12:41-44

Hebrews 13:6

Philippians 4:18-19

Principles for Giving

#3

Giving is not a matter of what you have

Luke 16:10

2 Corinthians 8:1-2, 5, 7

Principles for Giving

#4

Giving amounts are personally determined

Luke 19:1-8

Principles for Giving

#5

Giving is to be in response to need

Acts 2:43-47

Acts 4:32-37

Acts 11:27-30

Principles for Giving

#6

Giving is to demonstrate love, not law

2 Corinthians 8:8-9

2 Corinthians 9:7

Principles for Giving

#7

Giving is to be planned

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

2 Corinthians 9:7

Principles for Giving

#8

Giving is to be generous

2 Corinthians 8:22

Corinthians 9:5-6

Principles for Giving

#9

Giving generously results in blessing

Philippians 4:10, 19

2 Corinthians 9:6, 8, 10-11

Acts 20:35