



"Giving It All To God"

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Text: II Corinthians 8:1-9

Introduction: Do you ever have one of those days where you are overwhelmed by the grace of God and feel you could do almost anything? What about those other days when you want to crawl under a rock? Paul commands the brethren to give no matter the circumstances (I Corinthians 16:2, II Corinthians 8:1-9). What was he thinking? Will this advise work? Let's consider Paul's comments . . .

Discussion:

- I. Gracious Giving Reveals A Gracious God (vs.1-2)
 - * God has graciously blessed mankind.
 - * God has graciously blessed His church.
 - * God has graciously blessed His people.

- II. Abundant Giving Reveals An Abundant God (v.3)
 - * Giving is proportionate.
 - * Giving is sacrificial.
 - * Giving is voluntary.

- III. Compassionate Giving Reveals A Compassionate God (v.4)
 - * Christian Living = Sharing
 - * Christian Living = Serving
 - * Christian Living = Giving

- IV. Focused Giving Reveals A Focused God (vs.5-7)
 - * Giving is a focused act of worship.
 - * Giving is a focused act of reverence.
 - * Giving is a focused act of strength.

- V. Balanced Giving Reveals A Balanced God (vs.8-9)
 - * Consider things by comparison.
 - * Consider things by example.
 - * Consider things by grace.

Conclusion: The great thing about our God is that He is very gracious in His giving. When we give ourselves completely to God we prove that we understand the significance of Calvary. We reveal to God that we respect the power of Christ's life and death for our sinfulness. Will you give yourself fully to God? Will you let Him have His way with you? Will you let God use you for His own purposes?

WORD OF THE DAY = "GIVING"