

Amazing Grace Giving

II Corinthians 8:1-7

Giving God's Way – Part 1

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Amazing Grace: Giving!**

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- Context: Godly sorrow demonstrated the reality of God's gracious work in their lives.
- Similarly: Giving God's way demonstrates the reality God's gracious work in their lives.
- Grace giving is an expression of a new set of desires, motivations and longings: the new heart that is the result of having been born again!

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- An overflow of rich generosity
- Amidst severe affliction and extreme poverty
- Beyond their means
- Of their own freewill
- Begging for the privilege
- Their response to God

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Characteristics of Amazing Grace Giving

- Joyous, rich generosity totally unaffected by adverse circumstances
- Giving well beyond what would be normal
- Motivated from within – no guilt, no gimmicks
- Eagerly wanted the privilege to give
- The overflow of their relationship with God

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- *May the fountain of grace and joy within spill over the rim of your soul and flow to others...*
- Giving God's way doesn't just lead to joy, it flows *from* joy: deep, joyous satisfaction in God and His ways.

The more we seek and savor Christ, the more we experience the amazing grace of giving!