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1. Some Opening Thoughts

- Speaking about giving is _____.
- Our track record _____.
- We still have a responsibility to _____.
- Each person has developed _____.
- We wish to present _____.

2. Misconceptions and Thoughts about Giving

- Giving is viewed as a means to _____.
- Some give in order to _____.
- Giving has been presented as _____.
- Giving has been presented as a means for _____.
- Giving is a _____.
- Some give out of fear that God will _____.
- Giving must be seen as _____.
- Giving goes beyond the _____.

3. Paul's Teaching concerning Giving

A. The example

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God.

- They gave joyfully in spite of _____.
- They gave beyond _____.
- They had a _____.

B. The Encouragement

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 8:6-9

So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well. But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you abound in this grace also. I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

- Follow _____.
- Experience the _____.

The Basics of the Christian Life

- Giving is a _____.

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

- Blessing is proportionate to _____.
- God loves gifts that _____.
- Recognize that God provides _____.