THIS GRACE OF GIVING

2 Corinthians 8:1­–15

Key Verse: 8:

1. In the Macedonian churches’ giving, what unusual elements does Paul mention? (1–5) How are these a sign of God’s grace? Why is it important to give out of a sense of God’s grace?
2. In light of this, what task did Paul give Titus? (6) How else did Paul emphasize the importance of completing this task? (10,11)
3. What are the things in which all Christians should strive to excel? (7) How else did Paul try to motivate the Corinthians in this offering? (8)
4. Read verse 9. How did our Lord Jesus Christ best exemplify the grace of giving? What does it mean that “though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor”? (Jn1:14; Php2:6,7) That “through his poverty” we “might become rich”? (1:22; 5:18,19; 6:10) How does this help us participate in the grace of giving?
5. What other principle about giving does Paul mention? (12) What is the meaning of the “equality” Paul mentions, and how does this further help us understand how to participate in the grace of giving?