

II Cor. 8, 9.

THE GRACE OF GIVING

(Incentives)

Paul's written plan, delivered sometime before
I Cor. 16:1ff.

Giving with deliberation. Thinking the matter over,
praying about it. Deliberate purpose, not impulsive, not
spontaneous feeling. Giving according to a well-considered
plan. This is set apart for God.

Their eager willingness to do it [8:10; 9:2,] but
they had failed to carry through. [8:11; 9:3-5]

Paul's appeal for their giving:

1. The example of others. 8:1-5, 8

The poorer they were, the harder ^{they had} to work, the more they gave.
of a man who was ^{my brother} the pastor: "You are
going to kill the church" Don't think so, no church
was given to die. But reminds me of a
colored pastor. He announced if any man would
certify him of a church that had killed a man by
contributions to the cause of Christ, he would
count it a phenomenon as worthy of a judgment,
would go to the ends of the earth, if needed to,
to stand upon the moon-covered roof of that
defunct church, lift my hands and say: "Blessed
are the dead who die in the Lord."

Our people: young people, ^{single} laborers, widows, ^{of color} calling directly to the widows ^{of color}

2. A duty, a responsibility to share

8:10-14

Each as he is able.

3. A reward in giving

9:6-

g. Mt. 6:39 "This and it shall be
giving unto you"

g. Prov. 11:24 There is that scattereth
and yet increaseth
and there is that withholdeth
but it tendeth to poverty.

g. The Dead Sea as Galilee

4. Giving from wanting to
9:7,8
The work we support

5. The sacrifice of Christ.
8:9 = Phil 2:7

Mary's anointing of Jesus, using with her basket.