

The Grace of Giving

Mark 12:41-44

Introduction: God's people have always been known for their generosity. (Moses Exodus 36:5-6, David 2 Samuel 24:24, Widow Mark 12:41-44, modern day)

"As you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in love—see that you abound in this grace also." 2 Corinthians 8:7

2 Corinthians 9:5-15

G Generosity, v. 5

A command better seen as an opportunity

10%?, Don't be a lint Christian, How much to give?

Principles of 1 Corinthians 16:1-2

On the first <i>day</i> of the week	Frequency
let each one of you	Everyone
lay something aside,	Planned
storing up	Church treasury
as he may prosper,	Amount given

R Reap Principle, v 6

Lay up spiritual treasures in heaven, Matthew 6:19-21

We must give God a chance to work in our lives, Eccl. 11:1

Acts 20:35, Micah 3:10

A Abundance Supplied, v. 7-11

How to get a cheerful giving attitude? Develop priorities

"Three conversions necessary: heart, mind, purse" Luther

James 2:18, Deuteronomy 8:18, Psalm 37:25,

C Care for Others, v. 12

You are the hands of Jesus, Matthew 28:18-20

What your giving does: Building, preacher, outreach

E Exceeding grace of God, v. 13-15

Am I different than the world? Romans 12:2,

Where does God fit in my life? Matthew 6:33

How does my giving reflect what God gave for me?