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Instructions to the Church

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The Grace of Giving

I. THE MOTIVE OF GIVING

A. THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST V.9

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NIV) For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

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Philippians 2:5-8 (NIV) ⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!

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Matthew 8:20 (NIV) Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

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2 Corinthians 9:15 (NIV) Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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B. THE EXAMPLE OF OTHERS. VS. 1-5

1. In the mist of their trials they had joy. V.2a

² Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy

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2. In difficult times they found a way to give. V.2b
2...and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

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3. Gave beyond their ability. V.3

³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own,

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4. Pleaded to give. V.4

⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints.

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5. Gave to God first. V.5

⁵And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.

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2 Corinthians 9:2 (NIV) For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action.

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Romans 15:25-27 (NIV) ²⁵ Now, however, I am on my way to Jerusalem in the service of the saints there. ²⁶ For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem. ²⁷ They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings,

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II. THE MEASURE OF GIVING

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1 Corinthians 16:1-2 (NIV) ¹ Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. ² On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

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II. THE MEASURE OF GIVING

B. Entirely on their own v.3b

2 Corinthians 8:3 (NIV) ...entirely on their own,

(1) each person should follow through on previous promises (8:10, 11; 9:3);

(2) each person should give as much as he or she is able (8:12; 9:6);

(3) each person must make up his or her own mind how much to give (9:7); and

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***2 Corinthians 8:3 (NIV) ...entirely on their own,
(4) each person should give in proportion to what
God has given him or her (9:10).***

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II. THE MEASURE OF GIVING

B. Entirely on their own v.3b

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“The willingness must be prompted by grace, in order that the measure may be consistent with grace. “

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III. THE MEANS OF CHRISTIAN GIVING

A. THE CONSECRATION OF OURSELVES V.5

2 Corinthians 8:5 (NIV) And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.

1 Corinthians 15:36-37 (NIV) ³⁶ How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

³⁷ When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else.

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2 Corinthians 5:15 (NIV), since we know of and received the grace of God, those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

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2 Corinthians 8:8 (NIV) I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.

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A. THE CONSECRATION OF OURSELVES V.5

1 John 3:17-19 (NIV) ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?

¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. ¹⁹ This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence

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Matthew 6:21 (NIV) For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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III. THE MEANS OF CHRISTIAN GIVING

B. THE DEMONSTRATION OF HIS GRACE V.7

2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV) But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

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III. THE MEANS OF CHRISTIAN GIVING

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2 Corinthians 5:14 (NIV) For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

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Proverbs 11:24 (NIV) One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

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Luke 6:38 (NIV) Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

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B. THE DEMONSTRATION OF HIS GRACE V.7

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NIV) ¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

¹¹ You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

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