

## The grace of giving: Unnatural generosity

Part 3 of 5 – Stewards not owners  
2 Corinthians 8 & 9, p. 939

### I. GOD'S GRACE CREATES THE MIRACLE OF SACRIFICIAL GIVING (2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-9).

- A. The sacrificial Macedonians were evidence of God's grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:1-5).
  - Though personally impoverished, they pleaded for the privilege of giving to help believers in Jerusalem.
- B. The sacrifice of Christ is the grace that would empower the Corinthians to be sacrificially generous (2 Corinthians 8:6-9).

### II. GOD'S GRACE TRANSFORMS GIVERS AND GIFTS INTO A SPIRITUAL HARVEST (2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15).

- A. Principle: Generous sowing brings generous reaping (6).
- B. Step #1 – God's grace (not guilt) prompts cheerful giving (7).
- C. Step #2 – God refills our "seed" so we can "sow" more (8-11).
  - Givers are enabled to give more and prompt gratitude.
- D. Step #3 – God transforms gifts into spiritual harvest (12-14).
  - Financial needs are met, recipients praise God and pray for givers, and the gospel of God's grace is validated.
- E. Praise God for His incredible gift of Jesus Christ (15)!