**“The Wonderful Grace of Giving!”**

**(2 Corinthians 8:1-15)**

**Today we will give God an opportunity to challenge us in the area of our**

**giving to His work, and in particular our giving to missions. 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 exhorts and instructs in…**

 **I. The Pre-requisite of Giving (1-6)**

* **Must Know the Grace of God (1-4)**
* **Must First Give Our Own Selves (5-6)**

**II. The Pursuit of Giving (7-9)**

* **See That You Abound in THIS GRACE (7-8)**
* **Christ is the Supreme Example of Giving (9)**

**III. The Practice of Giving (10-15)**

* **Requires Both Decision and Follow-Through (10-11)**
* **God Evaluates Based on What We Have** **(12)**
* **Involves Both Giving and Receiving** **(13-15)**

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**Small Group Discussion Guide**

**1. Share something from Sunday’s study that was the most interesting or**

 **challenging to you, or that raised a question.**

**2. Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-6. Why was this church able to give so**

 **generously and cheerfully even in difficult times? Try to put 1**

 **Corinthians 8:5 in your own words. How can a person know if he has**

 **truly “given himself” to the Lord?**

**3. Read 1 Corinthians 8:7-9. What is Paul’s main point in verse 7? How**

 **can we abound in the grace of giving? What are some of the true riches**

 **we have in Christ? (Consider v.9)**

**4. 1 Corinthians 8:10-12 emphasizes that good intentions are not enough!**

 **What are some areas in which we may truly have good intentions but**

 **may not follow-through - in our service for God? - in other areas of life?**

**5. Why do you think God has blessed our “Faith Promise” approach to**

 **missions at CBC over the years? In what ways does He bless us when**

 **we give faithfully & generously? (Answer in general or share a specific**

 **testimony)**

**For Small Group Prayer Time**

**Each person share the first name of someone you are inviting to Friend**

**Day next Sunday, 11/5. Pray for them, and for God’s blessing on the day.**

**Digging Deeper**

**Do a Scripture search on giving by prayerfully reflecting on the following**

**verses and jotting down a key principle or two from each of them:**

**Matthew 6:19-24; Philippians 4:14-19; 2 Corinthians 9:5-8; James 2:15-16;**

**and 1 John 3:16-18. How do these passages challenge you to abound in the grace of giving? What action step will you take this week?**

**For an added blessing, consider the wisdom in Proverbs regarding money**

**and possessions – Proverbs 3:9-10; 6:6-11; 8:20-21; 13:18; 14:23; 17:18;**

**20:4, 13; 21:5, 20; 23:21; 24:3-4; 27:23-24; 28:19-20; and 30:24-25.**

**Action Step: Review your finances, review or prepare your budget, and ask**

**God to help you please Him in all your financial plans and decisions.**