



EXCELING INTHE GRACE OF GIVING

DR. FAVOUR IBOM 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-7

2 Corinthians 8:1-7 (NIV)

1 And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. 2 In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own,

2 Corinthians 8:1-7 (NIV)

4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. 5 And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. 6 So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. 7 But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

INTRODUCTION



OUR VISION

To raise up anointed disciple-makers who are empowered to change their world for Christ

2021 IS OUR YEAR OF KINGDOM ADVANCEMENT

Luke 12:32 (NIV)

32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

2 Corinthians 8:1 (NIV)

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Acts 16:9 (NIV)

9 During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."



2 Corinthians 8:2 (NIV)

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2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

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Quote

"The Great Misunderstanding is a paradox. It is the mistaken belief that the way to have more is to hold on tightly."

Dave Ramsey

2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

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STRATEGICALLY



2 Corinthians 8:4 (NIV)

4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.

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2 Corinthians 8:5 (NIV)

5 And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.

CONCLUSION



2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)

7 But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

John 3:16 (NIV)

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.





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