

Text: 2 Corinthians 8:1–15

A Healthy Comparison

- A comparison with those who give out of _____.
- A comparison with those who give out of _____.

Reflecting on Our History of Giving

- At what am I _____ ?
- Have I been _____ to give?
- Am I _____ to give?

Some Helpful Principles

- Everything _____.
- Giving forces us to _____.
- _____.
- _____ is the rule.
- Giving is _____.
- Giving begins _____.

Life Enrichment

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- What is the one thing you wish you were better at?
- Why do you think Paul calls giving a “grace”? Why do you think he insists that his readers excel at it?
- During this week's teaching several statistics were mentioned about how few American Christians give consistently. What do you think prevents some Christians from giving? What are they missing by not giving?
- Why would Paul ask the Corinthians to compare themselves to the Macedonians? How might comparing ourselves to Christians in poverty help us gain a healthy practice of giving?
- Other than financially, what are some other ways we give? What does our history of giving in other ways tell us about our ability to excel at the grace of financial giving?
- What role does the Holy Spirit play in our giving?
- This week's teaching outlined six principles of giving. Which principle did you find most helpful? Most challenging? Why? Would you add any other principles?
- If you have a consistent practice of giving, how have you seen God bless you in return?
- How do you plan to grow more consistent in giving?