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CHURCH BUILDING

"Building Fund - 2"

Guiltless Giving - 2 Corinthians 8:1-12

"There ain't no free lunch!"

God wants you to give – because God wants you to grow.

I. THE SPECIAL GRACE OF GIVING (vv.1-6)

SAVING grace – Titus 2:11, Ephesians 2:8

SERVING grace – Ephesians 4:7, 3:7-8, 1 Peter 4:10

SPECIAL grace

2 Corinthians 8:2, 12:8-10

The Churches of Macedonia: (Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea)
Philippians 4:10-19, Acts 4:31-35

Application Point:

All you need to do is ASK!

Hebrews 4:15-16

II. DON'T LET THIS GRACE GO TO WASTE (vv.7-9)

When God offers GRACE to us – He expects us to USE it!
2 Corinthians 6:1, 10

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1 Thessalonians 2:1, 3:5, 3:8-10, 4:10

IT'S ALL ABOUT GROWTH!

The Corinthians “abounded” in 5 areas: (v.7)

FAITH – believing the right things

UTTERANCE – speaking the right things

KNOWLEDGE – knowing the right things

DILIGENCE – working hard

LOVE to us – treating your leaders right

2 Corinthians 8:8

“Simply obeying a COMMANDMENT never results in true spiritual growth. We grow when we take advantage of an OPPORTUNITY and are motivated by our PASSION for the Lord.”

The Ultimate Example = JESUS

2 Corinthians 8:9

III. WRITE THE CHECK! (vv.10-12)

The Corinthians were WILLING.

Paul is telling them to be WILLING & OBEDIENT!

Philippians 2:13, Haggai 1:2-6

IT'S NOT AN UNREASONABLE REQUEST

“... so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have.”

God is NOT asking you to give what you DON'T have.

2 Corinthians 8:12, Isaiah 1:18-19

The greatest example of being “willing & obedient” in FREEWILL GIVING:

Exodus 35 – a “building fund” offering – for the tabernacle.

The RESULT of a WILLING & OBEDIENT people – responding to an OPPORTUNITY with PASSION for the Lord:

Exodus 36:5-7

2 Corinthians 8:12

The PROBLEM most people have is that they WASTE all they have on the WRONG things – and at the END they have NOTHING LEFT for God.