



Stewardship

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one to receive with and one to give with.

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How much should we give?

What is adequate, proportionate, or generous?

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Can we be more like the church, the people Paul writes about?

“And now we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity ...

They gave as much as they were able,

And even beyond their ability.

Just as you excel in everything -

In faith, in speech, in knowledge,

in complete earnestness and in your love -

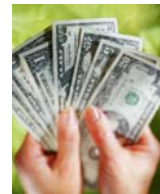
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