

Book of the Bible: 2 Corinthians; Theme: "Stewardship"

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2 Corinthians is a Who's Who of the greatest stewardship verses.

Key Verse:

"Jesus Christ...though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." 2 Corinthians 8:9

1

"the Macedonian churches...out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. They gave as much as they gave as much as they were able and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints."

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

2

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

2B "I am not commanding you..."

2 Corinthians 8:7

3.

"Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

2 Cor. 9:6

4.

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God"

2 Corinthians 9:12

Paul's words associated with giving:

- + willingness (8:12)
- + eagerness (8:19)
- + enthusiasm (9:2)
- + joy (8:1)
- + desire (8:10)
- + not reluctantly or under compulsion (9:7)
- + thanksgiving to God (9:11-12)

The early church shared their wealth equally.

Sacrificial and generous giving is an earmark of spiritual maturity.