

## **“Excel in Giving”** 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

### **I. Pointing Others to God**

#### **A) Making Others Aware of God Actions**

→ Situation - Macedonia: Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea ... Acts 16-17

#### **B) Encouraging Excellence in Other’s Actions**

Why?

- 1) Big Picture
- 2) Gratitude
- 3) Imitation
- 4) Excitement to participate

### **II. Bringing God to Others**

#### **A) The Privilege of Giving - v.4**

- 1) “favor”
- 2) “taking part”
- 3) “relief”

#### **B) The Focus of Giving**

Matthew 25:40

### **III. Not Living Like Others**

#### **A) Excel in the Grace of Giving**

Luke 21:1-4

##### **Why do we hold back?**

- Fear Matthew 6:31-34
- Ignorance Deuteronomy 8:17-18

*“Abundance isn't God's provision for me to live in luxury. It's his provision for me to help others live. God entrusts me with his money not to build my kingdom on earth, but to build his kingdom in heaven.” Randy Alcorn, [Money, Possessions and Eternity](#)*

Matthew 6:19-20

#### **B) Our Blessed Example**