

Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness.

- 2 Corinthians 9:10







Our First Gift

2 Corinthians 8:1-11



*What does it mean
to give ourselves
first to God?*

2 Corinthians 8:1 Now, brethren,
we wish to make known to you the
grace of God which has been given in
the churches of Macedonia, **2** that in
a great ordeal of affliction their
abundance of joy and their deep
poverty overflowed in the wealth of
their liberality.

*We focus on spiritual
wealth instead of
physical wealth.*



2 Corinthians 8:3 For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability they gave of their own accord, **4** begging us with much entreaty for the favor of participation in the support of the saints, **5** and this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.

*We think about
opportunities instead
of obligations.*



2 Corinthians 8:7 But just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also. **8** I am not speaking this as a command, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity of your love also. **9** For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

*We follow Christ's
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surrounding pressures.*



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THE CENTRE OF HIS WORLD WAS THE SOUTH
WHERE HE WAS BORN IN SLAVERY SOME
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*Have I given myself
first to God?*