

Why do we have a Financial Offering? Part 5 of 8 – God’s Glory in the Church

What Financial Giving Cannot Do

1. Giving money cannot make God love us more.
 2. Giving money cannot prove we are more spiritual than others.
 3. Giving money cannot make others admire us.
 4. Giving money cannot make up for sins in our life.
 5. Giving money cannot pay God back for saving us.
 6. Giving money cannot make God bless us financially or pay more attention to our needs.
 7. Giving money cannot relieve our guilt.
- * **Financial giving is not about me; Giving is about God’s grace and God’s glory.**

- I. **God’s Grace enabled the people of Macedonia to give:** Financial giving flows from our personal relationship with God (2 Corinthians 8:1-5).
 - A. They gave generously and joyfully in spite of their poverty (8:1-3a).
 - B. They gave voluntarily because they first gave themselves personally to God (8:3b-5).
- II. **God’s Grace in Christ is our motive for giving:** Our giving is our grateful worship to God for His grace through the cross (2 Corinthians 8:9).
 - A. The motive for giving is the grace of Jesus who “became poor” on the cross so we could be “rich” (8:9; Philippians 2:5-11).
 - B. Giving is our grateful response of worship for God’s grace.
- III. **God’s Grace allows us to increasingly glorify God through giving** (2 Corinthians 9:6-15).
 - A. When we give as God leads us, God gives us the ability to give more (2 Corinthians 9:6-11).
 - B. When we give, people will give God more praise and glory as a result (2 Corinthians 9:12-13).
 - C. When we give, people will pray for us because they see God’s grace at work in us (2 Corinthians 9:14-15).