

In New Testament Generosity, We Give:

As a result of the Grace of God

“And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches” - 2 Corinthians 8:1

In tough times and in poverty

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With a sense of eagerness and participation in the Gospel work

“They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem.” - 2 Corinthians 8:4

Out of love for the Lord

“And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.” - 2 Corinthians 8:5

Generously as the Lord provides

“Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.” - 2 Corinthians 9:6

Trusting God to replenish what has been given so that more can be given

⁹ As the Scriptures say, “*They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever.*”¹⁰ For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.” - 2 Corinthians 9:10-11

