

MESSAGE NOTES

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BE RICH | BOASTWORTHY GENEROSITY

2 CORINTHIANS 8-9

INTRODUCTION

BIG IDEA: When God's grace moves me to greater generosity, where regardless of my circumstances, I joyfully give beyond my abilities; God and others take notice.

OVERVIEW

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT OF 2 CORINTHIANS 8

1. An Example of Boastworthy Generosity—the Macedonians (verses 1-5)

Generosity: the act of being generous; willing to give someone money, gifts, time or kindness freely (Oxford Dictionary)

- a. Boastworthy Generosity starts with God
- b. Boastworthy Generosity is a response to the grace of God

2. An Exhortation to Excel in Generosity—the Church in Corinth (verses 6-9)

- a. How to Excel:
 - i. Follow the example of Christ
 - ii. Trust Christ
 - iii. Remember it's all God's (cf Psalm 24:1)
- b. Barriers to Generosity