

# WHAT IT MEANS TO BE THE CHURCH



## Lesson 11: Grace Giving

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- I. **A perspective for giving:** We are directed to give in response to the grace of God in our lives through our relationship with Christ—**2 Corinthians 8–9**.
  - a. *A proper model:* The Philippian church modeled grace giving in how they responded to the needs of the Jerusalem church—**2 Corinthians 8:1–5**.
  - b. *A powerful motivation:* Christ, Who became poor on our behalf, provides us with the grace motivation to share what He has entrusted to us with others—**2 Corinthians 8:6–12**.
  - c. *An enduring principle:* The principle of sowing and reaping looks at the reality that the more we sow our lives and resources into others, the more we share in the joy of the harvest—**2 Corinthians 9:1–6**.
  - d. *A healthy mentality:* The Lord desires that our giving be done free of external pressure and exercised with genuine joy—**2 Corinthians 9:6–8**.
  
- II. **The process for giving:** Paul sets out a process for Christians to follow regarding grace giving—**1 Corinthians 16:1–4**.
  - a. *The proper response:* Grace giving provides an opportunity to help others in their time of need—**1 Corinthians 16:1**; see **Galatians 6:10** and **1 John 3:16–18**.
  - b. *The proper routine:* Grace giving includes routine preparation, understanding that money is a gift of life—**1 Corinthians 16:2a**; **Matthew 6:24**; **1 Timothy 6:17–19**.
  - c. *The proper attitude:* Grace giving involves being a steward who manages what God has entrusted to us—**1 Corinthians 16:2b**.
  - d. *The proper proportion:* Grace giving is to be proportionate to one's prosperity—**1 Corinthians 16:2c**.
  - e. *The proper pressure:* Grace giving is a response to the Holy Spirit's guidance—**1 Corinthians 16:2d**.
  - f. *The proper accountability:* Grace giving involves the gifts being entrusted to reliable individuals who make themselves accountable to the church—**1 Corinthians 16:3–4**.