

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: October 13, 2019
2 Corinthians 8:1-15

1. What was the state of the Macedonian church?
 - a. They were rich and overflowing with finances.
 - b. They were in the midst of a severe trial.
 - c. Things were going very smoothly, and life was easy.
 - d. They were in extreme poverty.

2. What was the 'grace' given to the Macedonian churches in this situation, according to verses 1-2?
 - a. They were delivered from the severe trial.
 - b. They were forgiven for turning away from God and righteous living in the severe trial.
 - c. They chose to be obedient and generous in the midst of the severe trial...which required the empowering and life-transforming grace of God.

3. How much and with what spirit did they give, according to verses 2-3?
 - a. Their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.
 - b. They gave as much as they were able.
 - c. They gave even beyond their ability.
 - d. They gave under compulsion from a meddling preacher.
 - e. They gave entirely on their own.
 - f. They "urgently pleaded...for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people."

4. In what way had they given "themselves to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to" Paul and his fellow ministers, as verse 5 says? _____

5. Does Paul give room in verse 7 for them to excel in some areas of the faith instead of giving? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

6. What does our giving reflect, according to verse 8? _____

7. If your giving reflects the sincerity of your love, what does your giving say about your love for God and others? _____

8. Who are we imitating by giving for the sake of others and the work of the Kingdom, according to verse 9? _____

9. Is the gift measured by the amount of the gift, according to verses 10-12? Yes_____ No_____ If not, how is it measured? _____

10. Is Paul's suggestion that people go without while others are made rich, according to verses 13-14? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

11. Are you being faithful in your tithes and offerings for the work of the Kingdom? _____