

# **BEING GENEROUS**

## **The People In The Church Are Generous**

**Scripture Reference: 2 Corinthians 8:1-10; 9:6-11**

**And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace\*that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints...**

**(“grace God has given” means they were able to do something with God’s help)**

**Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so...**

**Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work...You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.**

**“abound” means plenty – lots of it**

**“compulsion” means doing something because you have to**

## BEING GENEROUS



Unscramble these words and read about the generous people in Macedonia.

Paul's letter was to the church that was the \_\_\_\_\_ to  
strif

\_\_\_\_\_ to some who were in need, and the first to \_\_\_\_\_  
veig ntw

to give. He told of the people in the \_\_\_\_\_ in Macedonia who were  
ruhchc

having a \_\_\_\_\_, (difficult) time and were very \_\_\_\_\_.  
rdah orpo

However, they \_\_\_\_\_ gave as much as the \_\_\_\_\_.  
lyoljfyu ludoc

They asked Paul for the special \_\_\_\_\_ of being a part of everyone  
onroh

\_\_\_\_\_ with each other.  
rianhsg

## **“GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER”**



Match these words with the meanings.

- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| 1. sow       | to pick or gather what has grown from the plants |
| 2. reap      | to plant seeds                                   |
| 3. sparingly | a large amount                                   |
| 4. generous  | only a small amount                              |

Write this part of the Bible verse in your own words:

**“Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will reap generously.”**

---

---

---

---

---





We show our love for others by helping,  
giving, and sharing.