

SEVEN PRINCIPLES FOR GROWING STEWARDS



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God's work. Our hands.

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God ... 2 Corinthians 8:1

These words from Apostle Paul introduce us to the story of a people in ancient Greece called the Macedonians. These early Christians practiced a faith of abundant joy and overflowing generosity that came from a deep sense of gratitude to God. It is this spirit that moved Paul to describe the following basic principles.

GRATITUDE

We want you to know brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1



GENEROSITY

[F]or during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:2



ABUNDANT JOY

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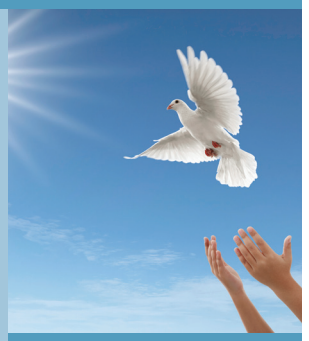
2 CORINTHIANS 8:2



GIVE FREELY

For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, ...

2 CORINTHIANS 8:3a



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SACRIFICE

... according to their means, and even beyond their means, ...

2 CORINTHIANS 8:3b



SHARE

[B]egging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints –

2 CORINTHIANS 8:4



COMMITMENT

[A]nd this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord
and, by the will of God to us.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:5

