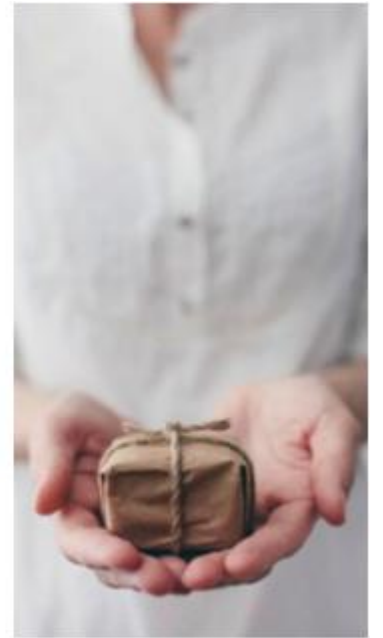

GENEROUS
LIFE




- ▶ Paul organized the Gentile churches in a collection for the Jewish poor.
- ▶ Paul kept his promise to the Jerusalem Church leaders, to remember the poor.
- ▶ The Corinthian Church had wealth, and good intentions, but did not follow through with giving.
- ▶ Several poor Gentile Churches followed through sacrificially.
- ▶ Paul wrote 2 Corinthians to rebuild trust and to follow through on the grace of giving.



“But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you — see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”

- 2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)

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“Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ and God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

- 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NIV)


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