

# The Grace of Giving 给予的恩典

LESSONS FROM THE MACEDONIAN CHURCHES

来自马其顿教会的教训



"Giving is not about transactions; it's about transformation."

给予不是关于**交易**; 而是关于转变



### God desires is a relationship with us, and giving becomes an expression of our gratitude and love.

神渴望与我们建立关系,并让给予成为我们感恩与爱的表达。

#### 2 Corinthians 8:1-2

1 And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. 2 In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

#### 2 Corinthians 8:3-4

3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, 4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.

3 我可以证明他们是按着力量,而且也过了力量,自己甘心乐意地捐助,4 再三地求我们,准他们在这供给圣徒的恩情上有份。 哥林 多 后 书 8:3-4

#### 2 Corinthians 8:5

5 And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.

5 并且他们所做的,不但照我们所想望的,更照神的旨意,先把自己献给主,又归附了我们。 哥林多后书 8:5



## The Macedonian Motivation Behind Giving 马其顿人奉献的动机

**Verse 2** - In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. **第二节** - 在极大的试炼中,他们因着丰富的喜乐,能够在即便贫穷的情况下依然涌出了极其慷慨的奉献。

### True giving stems from a heart touched by grace.

真正的奉献源于一个被恩典感动的心



## The Characteristics of Macedonian Giving 马其顿人奉献的特点



They Gave Beyond Their Ability (v. 3)

他们超越能力地奉献。 (第三节)



They Gave Willingly (v. 3)

他们心甘情愿地奉献。 (第三节)



They Gave Themselves to the Lord First (v. 5)

他们先将自己献上。 (第五节)



"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."

Corrie Ten Boom 科里·滕·布姆

我曾把许多东西放在手中,但我失去了它们;然而,无论我把什么交在神的手中,我却依然拥有它。



#### Practical Applications 应用

## 1. Embrace the Privilege of Giving 拥抱给予的特权

Giving is not a burden but a privilege. It's an opportunity to participate in God's work and express our gratitude. 给予不是负担,而是特权。这是参与神工作并表达我们感恩的机会。



#### Practical Applications 应用

## 2. Give Proportionately and Sacrificially 按比例并且牺牲地给予

Our giving should reflect not minimum compliance but maximum devotion. 我们的奉献应体现出的是最大程度的忠诚,而非最低限度的遵守。



#### Practical Applications 应用

### 3. Give Constantly and Cheerfully 持续并喜乐地给予

Regular giving fosters discipline and joy. 定期奉献培养纪律与喜乐。



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