LIVING UP in a DOWN WORLD

Giving Generously

2 Corinthians 8:1-15
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“All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth”

Heb 11:13
THE PATH OF DISCIPLESHIP

- Worshipping Weekly
- Gathering in a Group
- Serving on a Ministry Team
- Living on Mission
- Giving Generously
- Multiplying
Generous Giving Is About Grace, Not Money!

2 Cor 8:1-2

Severe Trial

+ Extreme Poverty

+ Overflowing Joy

= Rich Generosity
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When We Think About Giving:

~Duty  ~Responsibility
~Need  ~Obligation

When God thinks about Giving:

~Joy:  ~Overflow  ~Blessing
~Opportunity  ~Grace
Generous Giving Is About Sacrifice, Not Amount!

2 Cor 8:3-4

• Their Sacrifice

• Their Focus

Mark 12:41-44
Generous Giving Comes From The Heart, Not The Checkbook!

- Their Heart
- Jesus Teaching

Mt 6:20-21

“...store up your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy them, and thieves cannot break in and steal them. Your heart will always be where your treasure is.”

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Generous Giving Is Systematic And Intentional, Not Random.

- Our Approach
- What is Best
- What is Intentional

2 Cor 8:10-15

1 Cor 16:2

“That is, each Sunday each of you must put aside part of what you have earned.”

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Generous Giving

As you give today, ask yourself....

~Is my giving about grace?
~Is my giving sacrificial?
~Is my giving from the heart?
~Is my giving systematic and intentional?