

# OVERFLOW

Cultivating a  
Generous Spirit

2 Corinthians 8:1-15



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“...while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which cause thanksgiving through us to God!

**2 Corinthians 9:11**



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# Introduction

- Giving due to command is compulsion.
- Giving from the heart is driven by generosity.
- We must learn the grace of giving.
- What is the need? (Acts 11:27-30)
- Paul explains the effort.  
(Rom. 15:25-26)
- The collection is necessary.  
(1 Cor. 16:1-4)

**REVEAL** **GENEROSITY**  
**LOVE** **ATION**

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# We give based on our Ability and Attitude!

- (8:3) “According to their ability...”
- (8:3) “Beyond their ability...”
- (8:3) “The were freely willing...”
- (8:5) “First gave themselves to the Lord”
- (8:6) “Complete this grace in you as well”

We give based on our response to His ultimate gift!

- (8:9) Jesus took on our poverty.
- (8:9) Jesus wants to share His riches.
- (9:15) Thanks be to God for His **INDESCRIBABLE GIFT!!!**

We give based on our Blessed to be a Blessing!

- (8:13) “Not to be burdened”
- (8:14) “Your abundance may supply their lack”
- (Exodus 16:13-36) Each person had what they needed.

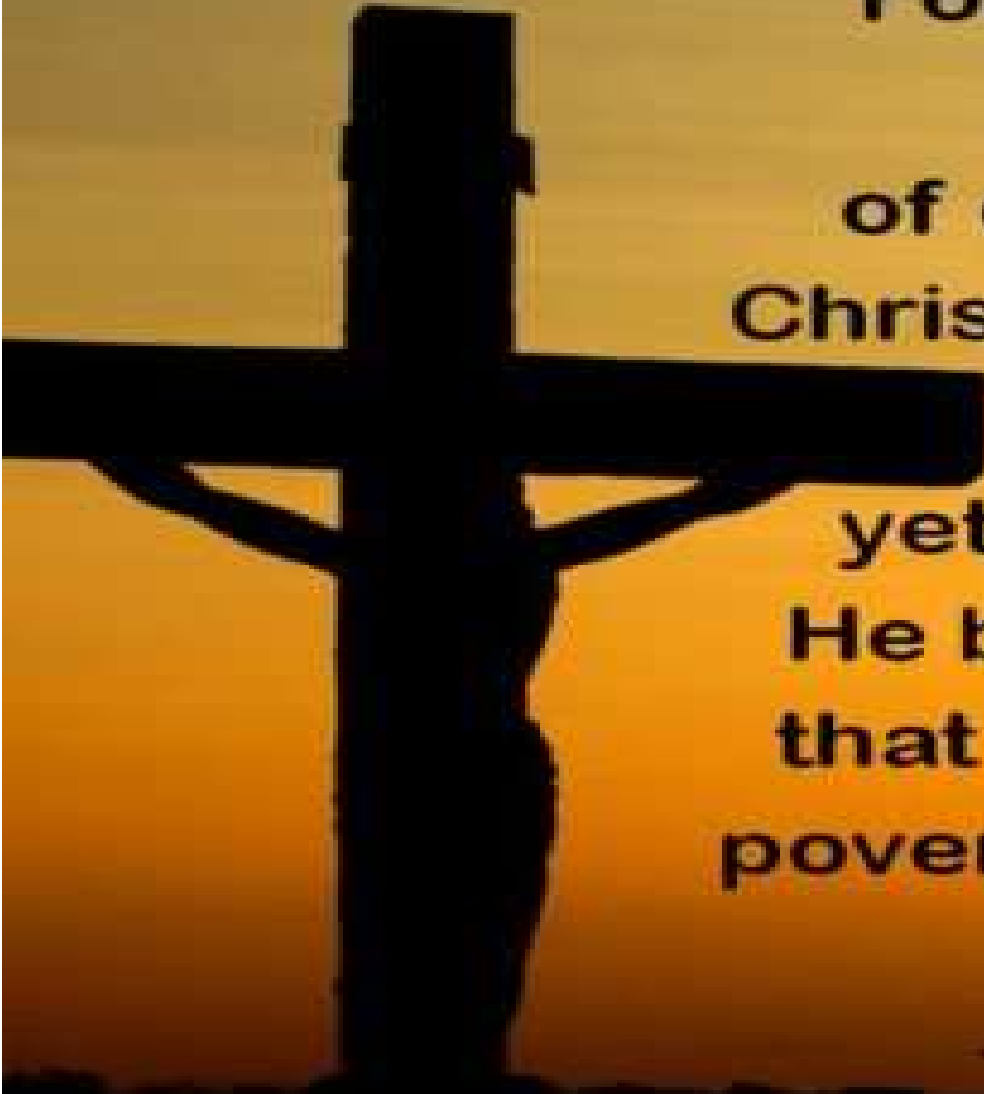


If you give because you “have to” instead of because you “want to”, you will never realize the full benefit of His gift!

# Conclusion

- Help me to give Bountifully!
- Help me to give Cheerfully!

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**For you know the  
grace  
of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, that though He  
was rich,  
yet for your sakes  
He became poor, so  
that you through His  
poverty might become  
rich.**

*-2 Corinthians 8:9*