

Introduction

- I. Our giving is always a good spiritual barometer of our love for God.
- II. The background to this passage is that Paul has asked the churches in Macedonia and Achaia to take benevolent collections for the saints in Jerusalem.

**God's Grace Producing Generous Giving**

**I. The Generous Giving**

- A. Giving liberally is not a matter of the amount, but a matter of the heart.

B. The churches in Macedonia gave according to their ability.

**II. The Only Source**

- A. True giving is focused on Jesus Christ. It begins with personal devotion to Jesus Christ which desires to care for those in need.

B. The Macedonian churches see this truth, which motivates their giving, because of God's grace.

**III. The Inspiring Word**

- A. This means learning to think differently about money and giving.

B. We must think on God and His grace toward us and this will encourage us to give.