2 Cor. 8:1-12
#6 “Will God Always Provide?”

➤ Get Your House In Order…You’re going to die!

“It ought to be the business of every day to prepare for our last day” Matthew Henry

1. What Moves Believers To Be Generous? Vv.1-5 And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches.

• The Source of Every Blessing is God’s Grace. vv.1-2
  ✓ The Experience of Tough Times Did Not Stop Them From Caring For Others. v.2 Out of the most severe trial…
  ✓ The Enjoyment of the Lord Was Not Lessened by Their Own Needs. their overflowing joy
  ✓ The Extent of Their Giving was Extremely Generous. their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

• Their Sacrifice Produced an Outpouring Beyond What They Could Afford. vv.3-4
  ✓ They gave Proportionately. they gave as much as they were able
  ✓ They gave Sacrificially. even beyond their ability
  ✓ They gave Voluntarily. Entirely on their own

✓ They gave Eagerly. they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service…

• The Secret to their Generosity was Commitments they Made. v.5 And they did not do as we expected, but
  ✓ It was their Passion to Worship. they gave themselves first to the Lord
  ✓ It was their Priority to do God’s Will. and then to us in keeping with God’s will.

2. What Does Generosity Do For Us? vv.6-9

• It Completes the work of God in Our Lives. v.6 So we urged Titus—to bring to completion this act of grace on your part.

• It Challenges Us to an Important Area of Spiritual Growth. v.7 But just as you excel in everything…see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

• It Confirms the Sincerity of Our Love. v.8 I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love …
  ✓ Generosity Is More Than An Amount - It's An Attitude. 2 Cor.8:9/ Phil. 2:5 /Acts 20:35
  ✓ Generosity Is Measured Not By How Much You Give - But By How Much It Cost You. 2 Cor. 8:10-12/Luke 21:1-4
  ✓ Generosity Requires A Work Of God In Our Hearts. 2 Cor. 8:1-5/Mark 7:21-22
  ✓ Generosity Will Grow When We Do God’s Will. 2 Cor 8:5 & 9:6-7
And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:19