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Sermon Title: Macedonian Economics

Speaker: Richard Smith

Scripture text(s): 2 Corinthians 8

- 1) When you are considering giving financially to a ministry, church, or individual, what do you base that decision on--how you feel or on what God wills for you to do? How do you make that decision?
- 2) Discuss how you are inspired to give and to even give extravagantly when you hear about others giving extravagantly.
- 3) Richard talked about how the Macedonians had overflowing joy and rich generosity in the midst of severe trial and extreme poverty. Discuss how this spurs you on to give even when it is a sacrifice.
- 4) Richard pointed out that the Macedonians were essentially asking, "How much can we give and still live?" Does this characterize your attitude toward generous giving? If not, what is standing in the way?
- 5) Read 2 Corinthians 8:1. What was it that motivated the Macedonian believers? In what ways do we need to adjust our thinking in order to have the right perspective?