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“Developing 2020 Vision for Finances”
2 Corinthians 8:1-15
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I. Financial Integrity Requires Faithfulness

- A. Faithfulness is Initiated by the Grace of God “the grace of God granted to the churches of Macedonia.” (1)**
- B. Faithfulness is Inspired by Steadfastly Fixing Our Gaze on God “During a severe testing by affliction, their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed into the wealth of their generosity.” (2)**
- C. Faithfulness is Instructed by Giving “sharing in the ministry to the saints” (4) Giving must be a part of Christian growth and maturity. Jesus said, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21)**
- D. Faithfulness is Increased by Giving Our Lives to God and His People “Instead, they gave themselves especially to the Lord, then to us by God’s will.” (5)**

II. Financial Integrity Requires Generosity (8:6-9, cf. Rom. 12:8)

- A. Giving Is a Gracious Gift of God that We Put into Practice “. . .complete this grace. . .” (6), “. . .excel also in this grace. . .” (7)**
- B. Giving Commitments Are to Be Completed “complete this” (6), “complete the task” (11) “arrange in advance the generous gift you promised” (9:5).**
- C. Giving Is a Test of Our Love. “. . .I am testing the genuineness of your love. . .” (8)**
- D. Giving Is Demonstrated by Christ “Though He was rich, for your sake He became poor. . .” (9)**

III. Financial Integrity Requires Commitment (8:10-11)

IV. Financial Integrity Requires a Proper Worldview (8:12-15)

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