2 Corinthians Series: “Learning to Lean on God”
“Excelling in the Grace of Giving”
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2 Corinthians 8:1-7
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Introduction:
A. 2 Corinthians 8 is one of the best chapters in the Bible about ______.
B. ________ talked about _________ more than any other subject.
C. It is a subject that needs to be addressed as often as it comes up in the ______.

I. Understanding the Word
A. One of the major ministries of Paul’s ______ missionary journey was the taking of a special “relief ________ for the poor Christians in ________.
B. The ________ were not doing their part in this offering.
C. Paul began his appeal with an ________, not a ________.
D. Knowing how motivated the Corinthians had been to excel in other forms of spirituality, Paul now challenged them to excel in the grace of ________.
E. Paul now turned their attention to the supreme example of ________.
F. Paul illustrated the principle of ________ of supply from the account of God’s provision of _______ to the Israelites in the wilderness.
G. Paul’s plan for the collection ensured that it would be impossible to charge him with selfishly, _______ funds.

II. Applying the Word
A. Our Financial Giving Should be Prompted by ________.
B. Our Financial Giving Should be Based on What we ________.
   1. Oswald Sanders: “The basic question is not how much of ____
      money should we give to God, but how much of ______ money should we keep for ourselves?”
   C. Our Financial Giving Should Naturally follow the Giving of ________ to God.

Conclusion:
A. Two ________ stories:
   1. The story of a nameless, ________, young ________.
   2. The story of a man named ____________.

I.G. misusing.  II.A. Grace.  II.B. Have.  II.B.1. our, God’s.  II.C. Ourselves.  Concl.A.  