

TODAY'S LESSON

**“DAILY RENEWING THE
HEART WITH GENEROSITY”**

(2 Cor .8:1-9)

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2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-9

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16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. **17** But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? **18** My little children, let us not love *only* in word or in tongue, but *also* in deed and in truth.

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- Show faith and hope this way (Proverbs 3:9-10; 19:17)

Proverbs 3:9-10

9 Honor the LORD with your possessions,
and with the firstfruits of all your increase;
10 So your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will overflow with new wine.

Proverbs 19:17

He who has pity on the poor lends to the
LORD, and He will pay back what he has
given.

Giving is **Living By Grace**

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42 And they **continued steadfastly** in the **apostles' doctrine** and the **fellowship**, the **breaking of the bread**, and the **prayers**. **43** Then fear came upon every soul by **many wonders** and **signs done through** the **apostles**. **44** Now **all who believed were together**, and **had all things in common**, **45** and **sold their possessions** and **goods**, and **divided them among all**, as **anyone had need**. **46** So **continuing daily** with **one accord** in the **temple**, and **breaking bread from house to house**, they **ate their food** with **gladness** and **simplicity of heart**, **47** **praising God** and **having favor with all the people**. And **the Lord added to** the **church daily those who were being saved**.

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- New disciples responded to receiving God's grace Acts 2:42-47
- Fellowship is contribution Rom. 15:26
- Fellowship in all assembly activities Acts 2:42, 47
- Fellowship of goods with others v.44-45
- Fellowship in time spent outside the assembly v.46
- Fulfilled John 13:35 in v.47

How Much Do I Have To Give?

- **Wrong** question to ask
- How much **grace** do I have to give **cheerfully?** **2 Cor. 8:7; 9:7**
- How much **love** do I have to give **cheerfully?** **2 Cor. 8:8**
- **Not under law** to tithe **2 Cor. 8:8,12; 9:7**
- **Planned proportion** is implied **1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:7**
- **Generosity** is encouraged **2 Cor. 9:10-15**

2 Corinthians 9:10-15

10 Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, **11** while you are enriched in everything for all generosity, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. **12** For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, **13** while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your generous fellowship with them and all, **14** and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. **15** Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

Hebrews 7

Melchizedek a type of Christ v.3

Melch (“king”) i zedek (“righteousness”) v.2

Jesus rules with righteousness Heb. 1:6-7

Melch. was king of Salem (peace) v.1

Jesus is the Prince of Peace Isaiah 9:6

Melchizedek was priest of God v.1

Jesus is king and priest Hebrews 8:1

Abraham is a type of us Rom. 4:12

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Abraham-Melchizedek relationship is a type of our relationship with Christ Heb. 7

Melchizedek brought Abraham bread and wine Gen. 14:18

Christ gave us the Lord's Supper 1 Cor.11:23...

Melchizedek blessed Abraham with his word v.6-7; Gen. 14:19-20

Jesus blesses us with His word John 8:31-34

Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek v.2

What are we to give? Romans 15:4

Hebrews 7

Abraham gave of the spoils of war v.4

We are to give as prospered 1 Cor. 16:2

Abraham was not commanded

We give not by command 2 Cor. 8:8; 9:7

Abraham voluntarily gave a tenth of all v.2

Abraham refused the king of Sodom's offer of
reward Genesis 14:21-24

We must refuse Satan's offer of enrichment
James 4:4

Hebrews 7:8

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Here dying men receive tithes, But There the One of whom is testified that He is living

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“Dying Men” vs. “The Testified Living One”

Levites & Priests vs. Christ the High Priest

“Receive tithes” vs. ?

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Hebrew requires **inferential verbs**

Prov. 11:22: A ring of gold in a swine's snout, a lovely woman who lacks discretion.

Prov. 14:14: The backslider in heart **will be filled** with his own ways, but a good man **will be satisfied** from above.

Hebrews 7:8: **Here** (*on earth*) **dying men** (*Levites and priests*) **are receiving tithes**; but **there** (*in heaven*) the **one testified** (*by God*- see **v.17!**) that **He is living** (*Christ*) (**is receiving tithes**)

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“Receive tithes” implies Christ in heaven receives tithes from us as Melchizedek did from Abraham

Daily Renewing the Heart with Generosity

Genesis 14:17-24; Psalm 110:1-4; Hebrews 7:1-28

example of **volunteer** Abraham **to** Melchizedek **for us**

Exodus 25:1-9; 36:1-7 Israelites were told give and then told to stop giving because they **gave too much**

Exodus 35:4-36:38 **gave talent** as well as precious materials

1 Kings 12:1-16; 2 Chronicles 24:1-14 treasury at the temple

Luke 21:1-4 the poor widow who **gave more than** the wealthy

Romans 5:1-11 God's example of **giving to us** while we were His enemies **because of His love for us**

2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15 **motivations to give**

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Job 29 Job's concern for the poor

Deuteronomy 15:1-18 laws taught mercy and generosity

Proverbs 11:24-26; 14:31; 19:17; 21:13; 22:9; 28:27; 29:7

Psalms 112 the man who fears the LORD is generous

Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37; 11:27-30 example of early Christians responding to grace by giving much

Acts 20:32-35; Ephesians 4:28 advice for the Ephesians

3 John contrast of Christians who show hospitality and those that hurt faithful Christians

