

A person in a red shirt and dark shorts stands on the edge of a dark, craggy rock formation on the left side of the frame. They are looking out over a vast landscape. In the distance, a large, snow-capped mountain peak rises above a layer of white clouds. A single evergreen tree is visible in the lower foreground. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

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"Our temptation is to look eagerly for the minimum that will be accepted. We are in fact very like honest but reluctant taxpayers."

C. S. Lewis



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- Some want to just SQUEAK by in their service to God!!
- Does God Accept our minimal effort and service?
  - Mal 1:6-14; Mat 25:14-30; Rev 3:14-22;
- The New Testament stresses and enjoins the need to be spiritually ambitious - 1 Cor 9:24-27



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περισσεύω (perisseuō):

vb.; ≡ Str 4052;

39 times in NT

Abound - 19

Abundance - 7

Increase - 3

Exceeds - 2

Left over - 3

remains - 2

Enough to spare, excel,  
better, - 1

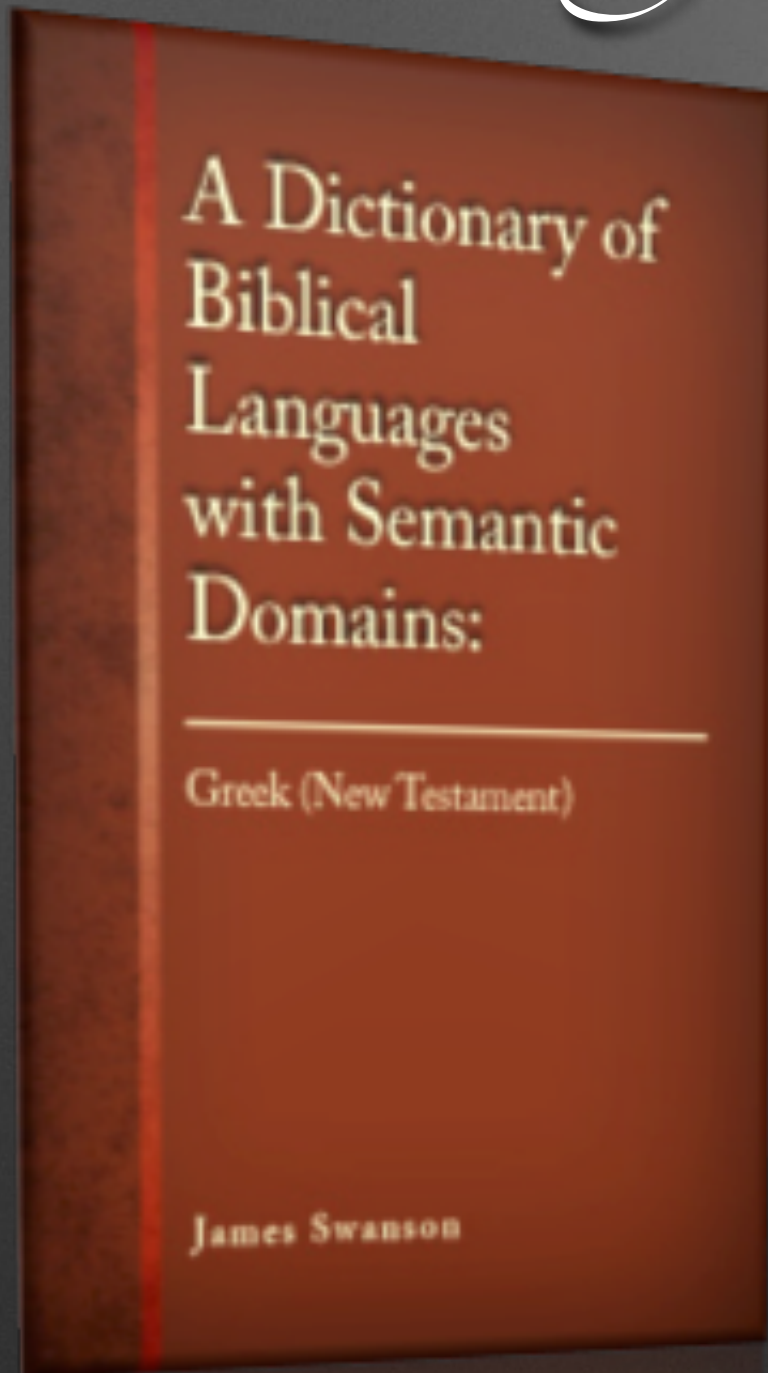
1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

(NKJV)

58 Therefore, my beloved  
brethren, be steadfast,  
immovable, always  
abounding in the work of  
the Lord, knowing that  
your labor is not in vain  
in the Lord.



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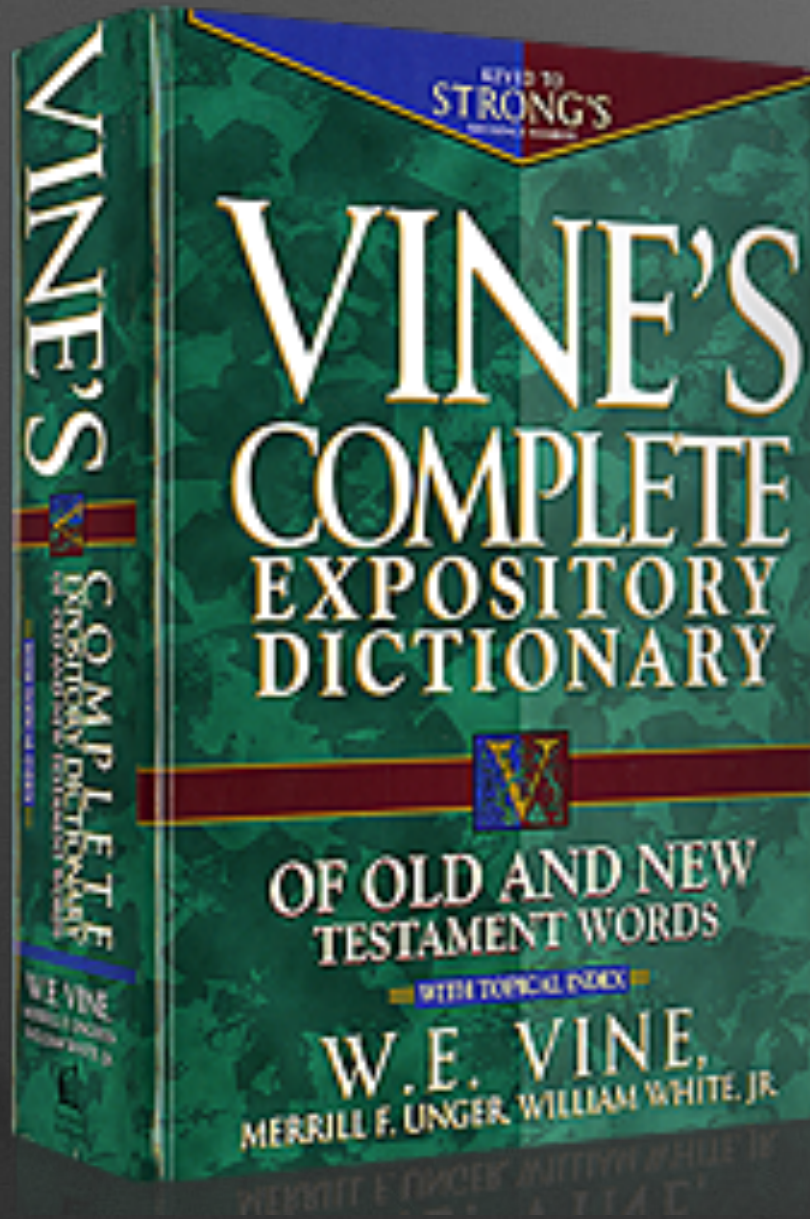


περισεύω (*perisseuō*): vb.; ≡ Str 4052; TDNT 6.58—1. LN 59.52 **be in abundance, abound** (2Co 1:5); 2. LN 59.54 **provide in abundance** (Eph 1:8); 3. LN 57.24 **have more than enough** (Lk 15:17); 4. LN 78.31 **excessive, a very great degree** (Mt 5:20); 5. LN 78.32 **cause to be more** (1Th 3:12); 6. LN 65.47 **have greater advantage** (1Co 8:8)

Swanson, J. (1997). *Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains: Greek (New Testament)*. Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc.



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“to be abundantly furnished, to abound in a thing,” as of material benefits, Luke 12:15; Phil. 4:18 of spiritual gifts; 1 Cor. 14:12, or “to be pre-eminent, to excel, to be morally better off,” as regards partaking of certain meats; 1 Cor. 8:8, “are we the better”, “to abound” in hope, Rom. 15:13; the work of the Lord, 1 Cor. 15:58; faith and grace, 2 Cor. 8:7; thanksgiving, Col. 2:7; walking so as to please God, Phil. 1:9; 1 Thess. 4:1, 10; of righteousness, Matt. 5:20; of the Gospel, as the ministration of righteousness 2 Cor. 3:9, “exceed.”

Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words.



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## **Abound In Faith**



- “Abounding in it (*faith*) with thanksgiving . . .” - Col. 2:7; cf 2 Cor 8:7
- The besetting sin of Israel was unbelief -(Heb. 3:12-19; 4:2).
- We must endeavor to develop a faith in God which exists in abundance, i.e., strong, absolute, growing, unwavering - (cf. Acts 27:25; 2 Pet 1:5-10; Rom 4:20; 10:17; 1 Tim 1:12).



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## **Abound In Faith**



- An abounding faith will help us endure trials, resist temptation, & overcome the world - Eph 6:16; 1 Pet 5:9; 1 John 5:4
- An abounding faith will move us to diligent, faithful service - Heb 6:12; 10:22,23,38; Heb 11; Jam 2:14-26; 2 Pet 1:5-10



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## **Abound In Hope**



- "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, ..." (Rom. 15:13).
- Our hope consists of our belief in and longing for that which we have not seen, heaven (Rom 8:24, 25; 2 Cor. 4:18-5:9; Ep 4:4).



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## **Abound In Hope**



- Not only are we to possess hope regarding heaven and the world to come, but we are to abound in this hope.
- Such hope will motivate us to live righteously just as Jesus did - (1 John 3:3)
- Hope serves as an anchor, stabilizing & keeping our soul in trials, troubles, hardships, ect. (Heb. 6:19).



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## **Abound In Love**



- We are not be satisfied with what we consider enough love to get by; but strive to abound in love:

Philippians 1:9 (NKJV)

⁹ And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment,



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## **Abound In Love**



- We are not be satisfied with what we consider enough love to get by; but strive to abound in love:

1 Thessalonians 3:12 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we *do* to you,



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## **Abound In Love**



- We are not be satisfied with what we consider enough love to get by; but strive to abound in love:

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 (NKJV)

9 . . . you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; <sup>10</sup> and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more;



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- Love is the “first & great commandment” - (Mat. 22:37-40; Mark 12:29-31; 1 Pet 1:22,23).
- Love serves as the controlling & motivating quality behind all acceptable service to God - (Gal. 5:6; Col. 3:12-15; 1 Cor 13:1-3).
- How will abounding in love for God & one another effect our service to God, one another & all our relationships? - (1 Cor. 13:4-13)



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1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; <sup>5</sup> does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; <sup>6</sup> does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; <sup>7</sup> bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away.



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## Abound In Faith, Hope & Love

2 Cor 4:13

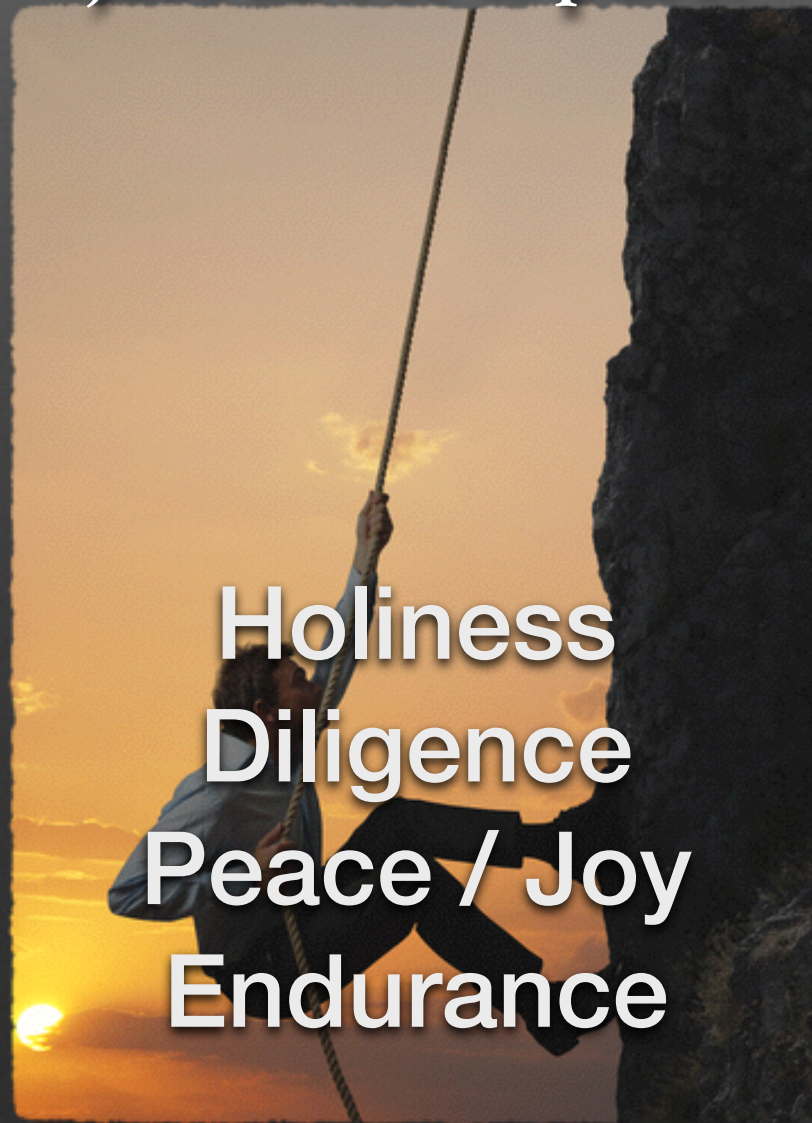
We also believe and  
therefore speak



Obedience  
Loyalty  
Evangelism  
Perseverance

1 John 3:3

... purifies himself,  
just as He is pure.



Holiness  
Diligence  
Peace / Joy  
Endurance

1 Peter 4:8 (NKJV)

... for *“love will cover  
a multitude of sins.”*



Commitment  
Devotion  
Zeal  
Never Fails



# *Abounding In Our Service To God*

## **Abound In Faith, Hope & Love**

**FAITH**

**HOPE**

**LOVE**

**Morality**

**Morality**

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**Authority**

**Authority**

**Authority**

**Attendance**

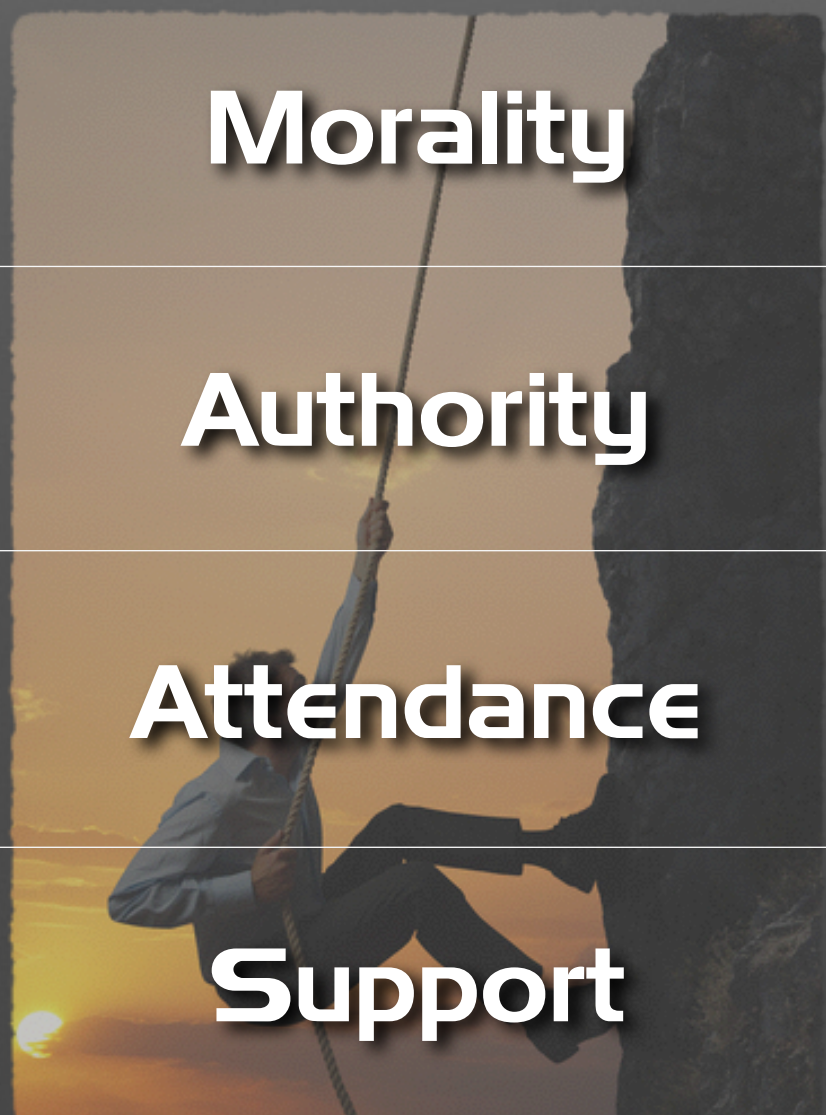
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1 Thessalonians 4:1 (NKJV)

1 ... we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God;





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2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-9 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you abound in this grace also. <sup>8</sup> I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others.





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<sup>9</sup> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.









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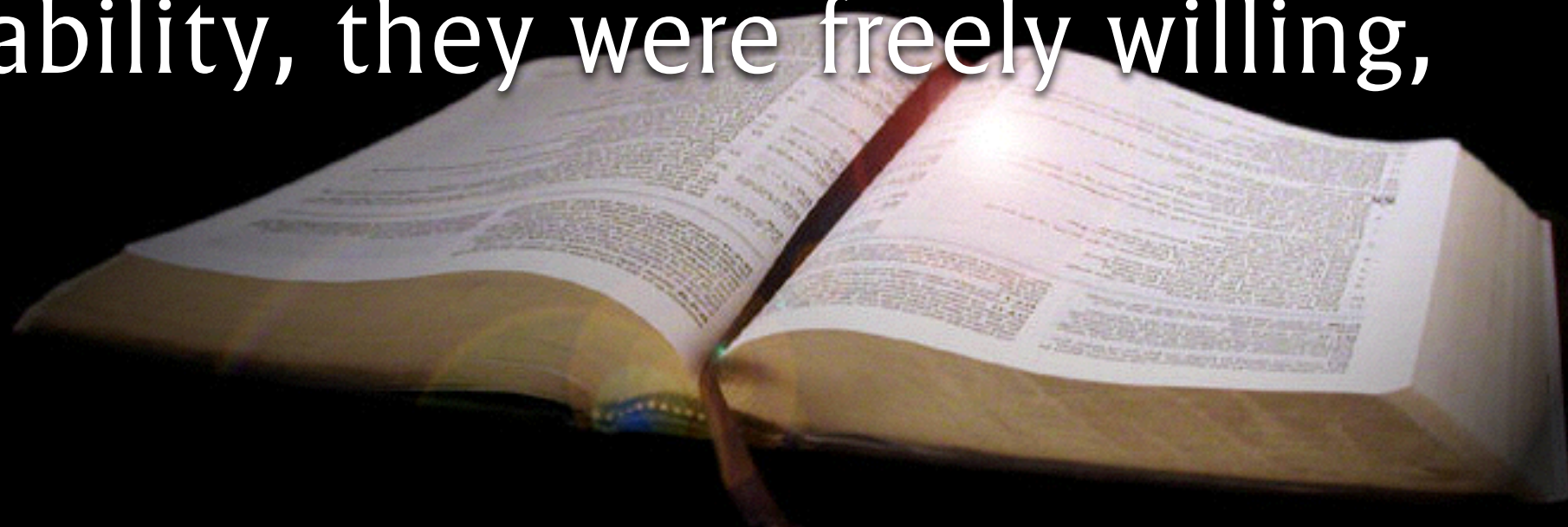
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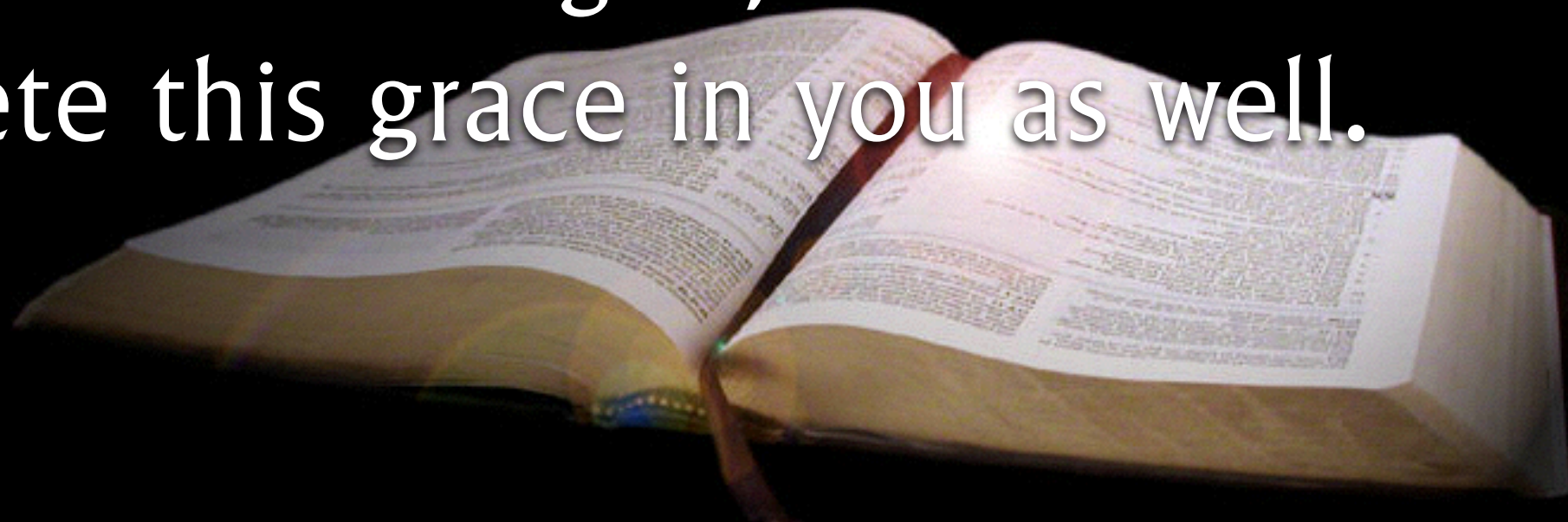
<sup>1</sup> Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: <sup>2</sup> that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. <sup>3</sup> For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing,





2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-9 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. <sup>5</sup> And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God. <sup>6</sup> So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well.





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