

“Abound in this grace also ...”

II Corinthians 8:1-8

This passage is about ...

- **Giving not tithing**
- **Everything not a specific thing**
- **Giving to missionaries as they minister to existing churches & church plants**
- **Affirmation and instruction**
- **Giving as a grace from God and *abounding* in it!**

Mistaken Motivations

- **Obligatory giver**
- **Guilt giver**
- **Dutiful giver**
- **“Look at me!” giver**
- **Peer Pressure giver**
- **Emotional giver**
- **“Scrooge” giver**
- **“Leftover” giver**

Macedonian Mindset

- Exceeded difficult circumstances v.2
- Were not hindered by their lack of resources v.2-3
- Begged to take part in the Kingdom work v.4
- Sacrificed their own lives v.5a
- Submitted themselves to leadership v.5b

Applications

- **I must change my preconceived notions about giving.**
- **Focus on the condition of my heart not cash on hand.**
- **God is more interested in the size of the sacrifice than the size of the gift.**
- **Give because I love God, I love people, and desire to obey the leading of the Holy Spirit in my life.**