

## 2013.12.15 Treasure For The King

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### Family Meeting: Treasure For The King

(2 Corinthians 8:1-15)

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, as it is written: "The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little."

**What is something that stood out to me in the message today?**

**What is one question I have as a result of this message?**

**What is one commitment I need to make after hearing this message today?**

**Notes:**

## **Connect Group Questions**

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- 1.** This Sunday we looked at several key scriptures on the topic of money? What scripture regarding money/tithing/stewardship (not necessarily from the message) has always had a special impact on you?
  
- 2.** In 2 Corinthians 8:8, Paul says that our love is tested by the manner in which we give. How does this test how genuine our love for others is? How does it test the love we have for our church?
  
- 3.** Check out these two encounters with Jesus in Luke 18:18-25 and 21:1-4. How do they compare? What can we learn about honoring Jesus with our resources from these passages?
  
- 4.** Honoring God with our money is a challenging spiritual discipline, especially in our consumer culture. Can you recall a time God was calling you to honor Him in a difficult way and you were faithful? Can you perhaps recall a time you weren't faithful; what have you learned since then?
  
- 5.** Paul encourages those in 2 Corinthians 8 to finish what they began (v.10). Has God challenged you to honor Him with your money differently this week? How do you plan on finishing this challenge well?