

# Extreme Finances

## 2 CORINTHIANS 8, 9

### Pricked by Comparison (2 Cor. 8:1-15)

- A surprising generosity (vv.1-5)
- A test of love (vv.6-9)
- A challenge to finish well (vv.10-12)
- A goal of equality (vv.13-15)

**Principle:** The primary issue in giving is the condition of our heart not the condition of our bank account. - Key is grace.

Application:

### Plans for the Collection (2 Cor. 8:16 – 9:5)

- Careful Management (8:16-24)
- Advance Notice (9:1-5)

**Principle:** A 'grace-full' pattern for giving demonstrates a planned priority not a pressured left-over. - Key is ownership.

Application:

### Path to Generosity (2 Cor. 9:6-15)

- Sowing determines Reaping (vv.6-7)
- Increased Provision is for Increased Giving (vv.8-11)
- Giving is the true gift (vv.12-15)

**Principle:** A 'grace-transformed' perspective allows us to embrace generosity as an investment, not a loss. - Key is security.

Application: