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- ◉ **Psalms 37:21** - “The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous showeth mercy, and giveth.”
- ◉ **Proverbs 3:9** - “Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase”
- ◉ **Proverbs 11:25** - “The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.”
- ◉ **Luke 6:38** - “Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom.”
- ◉ **Acts 20:35** - “Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

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- ◉ **Giving is an act of worship** - Similar to the wise men bringing gifts to Christ as an act of worship and adoration (**Matthew 2:11**), as we gather together on “the Lord’s Day” (Sunday) we must prepare “a gift” and bring it to God.
- ◉ **Giving should be systematic (1 *Corinthians* 16:1)** - Each believer was to set aside his offering and then bring it to the assembly on the first day of the week. The early church met on the first day of the week in commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The birth of the church, when the Holy Ghost fell at Pentecost, was on the first day of the week.
- ◉ **Giving is personal and private (1 *Corinthians* 16:2)** - The scripture reads “Let every one of you” share in being a blessing to someone. That which we do in secret will be rewarded openly. (**Matthew 6:4**)

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- ◉ **Giving is to be proportionate (1 Corinthians 16:2)** - “As God hath prospered him,” means that believers who have more should give more. The more God prospers us in substance, we should be thankful for the opportunity to give more. (Proverbs 3:9)
- ◉ The “Grace of giving,” is when Saints believe that giving is more of a blessing than receiving. How do you “*grace give*”?
- ◉ **Giving in spite of circumstances (2 Corinthians 8:1-2)** - Although the members of the Macedonian church were going through difficult times themselves, that did not stop them from being a blessing to someone else. In fact, they gave cheerfully!

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- ◉ **Giving with enthusiasm - (2 Corinthians 8:3-4)** - It is possible to give generously but not give enthusiastically. Grace not only frees us from our sins, but it frees us from ourselves. The grace of God will open your heart *and your hand*.
- ◉ **Giving as Jesus Gave (2 Corinthians 8:5-9)** - Jesus Christ is the greatest example of sacrificial giving. God gave the best that he had (his only begotten son) to an undeserving world. He was motivated by Love! (John 3:16)