# **GENEROUS LIVING**

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- I. <u>Generous</u> Voluntary, uncompelled; Openhanded, marked by abundance or ample proportions.
  - Prov 11:24-25 Message 24 The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. 25 The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.
    - 1. <u>Matt 6:21</u> 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## II. 2 Cor 8:1-7 - Grace of Giving

A. <u>V1</u> - Churches in Macedonia - Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea

## B. V2 - Abounding in affliction

- 1. <u>**Trial</u>** *dokime* Test; Prove the worth of, that which causes something to be true or genuine.</u>
- 2. Affliction thlipsis To crowd or pressure; persecution, trouble
  - a) Physical or mental distress; weight of circumstance
- 3. **<u>Abundance</u>** *perisseia* To superabound, be in excess
- 4. Joy chara Cheerfulness, calm delight, gladness
- 5. **Poverty** *ptocheia* Beggary, hardship and deprivation
- 6. **<u>Abounded</u>** *perisseuo* To be or exist in abundance, with the implication of being considerably more than what would be expected
- 7. <u>**Riches**</u> *ploutos* Fullness; money, possessions; abundance
- 8. Liberality haplotes Generosity, singleness of purpose and motivation
  - a) You can be in "great trial of affliction" and "deep poverty" and still abound in the riches of their liberality

# C. V3 - Our choice

- 1. Ability dunamis Force; miraculous power
- 2. Freely willing authairetos Voluntary, choose for yourself

# D. V4-5 - Not about us

 <u>2 Cor 8:5 AMP</u> 5 Nor [was this gift of theirs merely the contribution] that we expected, but first they gave themselves to the Lord and to us [as His agents] by the will of God [entirely disregarding their personal interests, they gave as much as they possibly could, having put themselves at our disposal to be directed by the will of God]

# E. V6 - Urged Titus

- 1. Urged parakaleo To call, invite, "beseech"
- 2. <u>**Complete</u>** *epiteleo* To fulfill, execute, accomplish</u>

#### F. V7 - Abound in everything!

- 1. **<u>Abound</u>** *perisseuo* To superabound; be in excess
- 2. Faith pistis Belief, convictions
- 3. Speech logos Words, something said, message
- 4. Knowledge gnosis What is known
- 5. Diligence spoude Speed; eagerness, excellence, bring your best, "A" game
- 6. **Love** *agape* Love feast, unconditional, Godly love for others.

#### G. V8 - The generosity test

- 1. Testing dokimazo Regard something as genuine or worthy through testing; Prove
- 2. Sincerity gnesios Legitimate; genuine

## H. V10-15 - Bringing desires to completion

1. **<u>Complete</u>** - *epiteleo* - To fulfill, execute, accomplish

#### III. APPLICATION:

- A. Am I abounding in the grace of giving?
- B. Am I being generous with my portion?
- C. Am I passing the generosity test?
- D. Am I just desiring to do something or am I completing it?