

Stewardship Lesson 1: Discovering the Grace of Giving

TEXT: II Corinthians 8:1-7

THEME VERSE: *“Therefore as ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.”* (II Corinthians 8:7)

PURPOSE: A study of grace, not as it relates to the unmerited favor of God in salvation, but grace as it relates to the desire, ability, and power to do God’s will.

I. THE DELEMNAS OF STEWARDSHIP WITHOUT AN ADEQUATE UNDERSTANDING OF GRACE.

a. The Spiritual Dilemma

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viii. _____

b. The Organizational Dilemma

i. _____

ii. _____

c. The Physical Dilemma

i. _____

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iii. _____

II. THE DEFINITION OF GRACE IN RELATION TO STEWARDSHIP

a. An Expanded Definition of Grace

i. Saving Grace

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ii. Living Grace

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a. Hebrews 12:28

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a. Romans 12:6a

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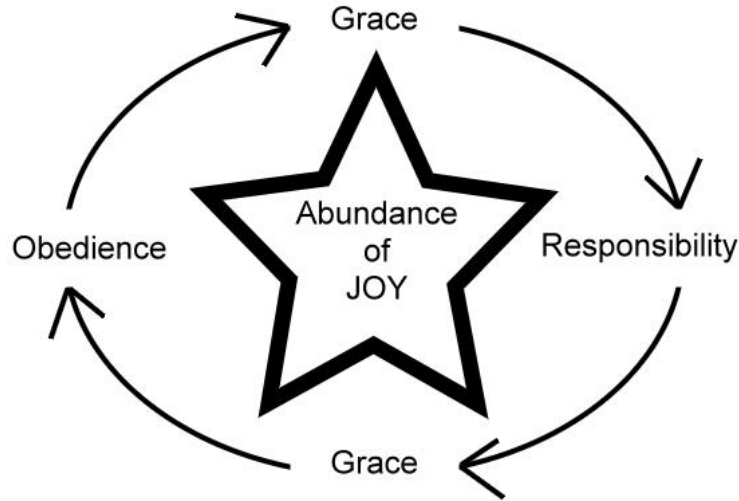
a. Hebrews 4:16

b. II Corinthians 12:7-10

4. _____

a. II Corinthians 8:1-4

b. The Operation of Strengthening Grace



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a. Acts 1:8

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a. I Thessalonians 5:17

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a. I Timothy 3:12

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a. Mark 8:34

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a. Titus 2:11-13

6. _____

a. II Corinthians 9:7

iii. _____

iv. _____

v. _____

1. His grace is inexhaustible. It builds upon itself in its exercise.

a. John 1:16

III. LIVING GRACE IS A VITAL PART OF STEWARDSHIP

a. Living grace was the dynamic of Macedonian stewardship.

i. _____

1. II Corinthians 8:2

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1. II Corinthians 8:2

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1. II Corinthians 8:3, 4

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1. II Corinthians 8:3

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1. II Corinthians 8:3

vi. _____

1. II Corinthians 8:4

vii. _____

1. II Corinthians 8:5

b. Macedonian stewardship was an example for the Corinthians

i. _____

1. II Corinthians 8:6

ii. _____

1. II Corinthians 8:7

IV. STEWARDSHIP ENABLED BY LIVING GRACE WILL RESULT IN:

i. _____

1. II Corinthians 8:2

ii. _____

1. II Corinthians 9:6

iii. _____

1. II Corinthians 9:8

iv. _____

1. II Corinthians 9:11