

# The Grace of Giving

Sunday, Mar 6, 2016

2 Corinthians 8 & 9

## Squirring Pastor!

### Giving

- An Era of Marketing
- The Idol of our era

### Grace

#### Something Paul wants more than money

Grace – Experienced and Shared

Verse 9 → Verse 5 → Verses 2-3

### A Choice

- I am not commanding you (8:8)
- not ... under compulsion (9:7)
- decided in your heart to give (9:7)
- not reluctantly (9:7)
- not ... grudgingly (9:5)
- according to your means (9:11)
- according to what one has (9:12)

## Finish the Work

### Paul's Concern

- Bragging to Others ...
- Assembled Team
- Make sure the gift is there!

## What to Do?

Heart → Choice → Action

**Heart** – Experience Grace! Be Shaped by Grace

**Choice** – Deliberately Consider: More? Regularly?

**Action** – Actually do what you plan

# Fourth Sunday of Lent

## A Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Philippians 2:5–11 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## A Collect

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.