

Sermon Notes – January 1, 2023

Poverty Giving (*2 Corinthians 8:1-9*)

- I. Motivated by GRACE. (*Vs. 1*)
 - A. The grace of God’s salvation. (*Ephesians 2:8-9*)
 - B. The grace of God’s blessings. (*Ephesians 1*) (*James 1:17*)

- II. Driven by our RELATIONSHIP with GOD. (*Vs. 2*)
 - A. The joy of the Lord overcomes the circumstances of life.
 - 1. The joy of the Lord is our strength. (*Psalms 28*)
 - 2. Count it all joy. (*James 1*)
 - B. The sincerity of our faith will result in a wealth of generosity.
 - 1. God so loved the world that He GAVE... (*John 3:16*)

- III. Performed through INDIVIDUAL choice. (*Vs. 3*) (*1 Corinthians 16:1-4*)
 - A. Giving is to be proportional.
 - B. Giving is to be sacrificial. (*2 Corinthians 9:6*)
 - C. Giving is to be voluntary.

- IV. Envisioned as a PRIVILEGE. (*Vss. 4-8*)
 - A. The privilege of participation.
 - B. The privilege of support.
 - C. The privilege of service.
 - 1. Living sacrifice. (*Romans 12*)
 - 2. Expressing faith, hope and love. (*1 Corinthians 13*)

- V. Results in INCARNATIONAL living. (*Vs. 9*)
 - A. The attitude of Christ displayed. (*Philippians 2:5-11*)
 - B. The true riches of the spiritual life experienced.
 - 1. Joint heirs of Christ. (*Romans 8:17*)
 - 2. The fruit of the Spirit. (*Galatians 5:22ff*)
 - 3. Every spiritual blessing possessed. (*Ephesians 1*)