

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 31/10/2021

Text(s): 2 Corinthians 8:1–9

Sermon Title: Stewardship – Giving

Preacher: Rev Jason Phua

(The sermon recording is available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

READ (5 mins)

2 Corinthians 8:1–9 (ESV)

1 We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia,

2 for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

3 For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord,

4 begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—

5 and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

6 Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace.

7 But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

8 I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine.

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

RELATE (30 mins)

(Relate to what was shared and on key themes in the sermon)

- 1. At the start of the sermon, the preacher noted that financial giving is an important but sensitive topic. What are some reasons this is a sensitive topic?**
- 2. Is it possible for the topic of financial giving to become a topic we all enjoy talking about? Is it possible to come to the place where it is no longer a sensitive topic?**
- 3. Is anyone willing to share your journey in the road of giving? How did you learn to give over the years?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect and apply God's word to our daily lives)

1. **The preacher shared that "The basis for giving is the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. The attitude of giving is joy and a cheerful heart." Let's consider this: It is important that we give. It is also important that we give cheerfully. Why is it important that we give cheerfully?**

2. **John Wesley and the early Methodists started the Class Meeting in order to raise funds. Was it wrong for them to do this? Should they not have emphasized discipleship with more Bible study?**

REST (15 mins)

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See MyPMC > PRAY for monthly guide)

- Pray for one another to discover the joy of giving as we gain a better understanding of giving.
- Pray for our church to be a people who give cheerfully out of love for the Lord and for God's people.
- Pray for the MCS to continue to be strong and stable, able to meet needs in Singapore, and stand out as a true witness of Christ Jesus.