

PRINCIPLES FOR BIBLICAL GIVING  
2 Corinthians 8-9

The example of the Macedonians, 2 Corinthians 8:1-5.

- Principle #1, True giving is based on grace, (vs. 1)
- Principle #2, Generous giving may take place even in extreme poverty, (vs. 2)
- Principle #3, Giving may be sacrificial, (vs. 3a)
- Principle #4, Giving is a matter of personal choice, (vs. 3b-4)
- Principle #5, True giving should be an overflow of one's commitment to Christ, (vs. 5).

Appeal to Believers, 2 Corinthians 8:6-15.

- Principle #6, Christians are to make good on their promises to give, (vs. 6)
- Principle #7, Giving is to be given a top priority, first-string position in each Christian's life (vs. 7).
- Principle #8, Giving is a test of the believer's love, (vs. 8).
- Principle #9, Jesus Christ is the perfect pattern for giving, (vs. 9).
- Principle #10, A believer is benefited by true giving, (vs. 10-11).
- Principle #11, God accepts the Christian's gift in proportion to what he possesses, (vs. 12).

Considerations regarding administrators, 2 Corinthians 8:16-24.

- Principle #13, The administration of finances requires men who are willingly diligent (vs. 16-17).
- Principle #14, Effective administration requires men with biblical priorities, (vs. 18).
- Principle #15, Effective administration requires men with spiritual purpose, (vs. 19).
- Principle #16, Effective administrators strive for honorable practices, (vs. 20-21).
- Principle #17, Effective administrators are "tested" men, (vs. 22).
- Principle #18, We are to prove our love through giving before our administrators and all believers, (vs. 23-24).

