

Sample Outline Paper
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2 Corinthians 8:1-15
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Giving...

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I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving. 7b

- Giving is in addition to tithes and offerings.
- Giving is an expression of the kindness of God (vs. 3).
- Giving is a true test of authentic love. Vs. 8b

1. Is inspired by the actions of others. Vs. 1-8, especially 8b

- A. Especially when the givers face hardships. Vs. 2
- B. Because it's done voluntarily. Vs. 3
- C. Because they see it as a privilege not a burden. Vs. 4
- D. Because they have first given themselves to God. Vs. 5.

2. Is modeled by the Lord Jesus himself. Vs. 9

- A. He showed the paradox of being rich, becoming poor so others who were poor could become rich.

3. Is directed by Scripture. Vs. 10-15.

- A. That says let desire result in doing. Vs. 11a
- B. That says give proportionately. Vs. 11b
- C. That says any amount is acceptable is given eagerly. Vs. 12
- D. That says give now to those in need because you may be the one given to in the future. Vs. 13-15.

So let's...

1. Realize our generosity results in people experiencing the tender care of God in a time of need.
2. Realize such giving is a gift not a burden.
3. Consider <https://www.samaritanspurse.org> as a ministry to give through.