

That You Might be Rich

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: II Corinthians 8:9.
- B. This text demonstrates the pattern of giving.

II. The basic meaning of grace is beauty.

- A. Grace is Christ's self-giving love.
- B. There is no beauty greater than the generous heart.
- C. The quality that endears us most to Jesus is His giving of Himself.
 - 1. When Jesus had everything, He gave it all for us.
 - 2. Though Jesus was rich, He became poor for us.
 - 3. He gave up His life for us.

III. We never have truly given until it has cost us.

- A. We must give without any expectation of return.
- B. There is always some degree of impoverishment in true giving.

IV. Giving finds its end only when others are enriched by it.

- A. God made us rich so that we might become poor making others rich.
- B. Christians are to re-duplicate the life of Jesus Christ.

Application questions:

1. What is true giving?

2. Why is giving to our relatives and family not really giving?

3. How can God stretch you in your giving? What is something you can give up in order to help others? Explain.
