

MESSAGE NOTES

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THE BLESSING: Being A Church Who Gives It
2 Corinthians 8:1-9
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- Grace = God's undeserved favor, _____ & _____. Eph 2:3-9
- The blessing = _____ & _____ that convey His _____.

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 through His poverty might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

BEING A CHURCH WHO GIVES THE BLESSING

- Tho' _____, they bless fellow Christians undergoing _____.
- They acknowledge the _____—give themselves _____ to Him.
- They acknowledge _____—give themselves next to _____.
- Acknowledge = to _____, recognize, appreciate or _____.
- God's grace now motivates them from the _____, 2 Cor 9:7
- God's grace changes the _____ they _____. 2 Sam 9:1; Phil 2:3-5
- They want to be _____ not _____ with God.
- Together their _____ to God's grace blesses many. 2 Cor 9:12

They gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us
in keeping with God's will. 2 Corinthians 8:5 (NIV1984)

PRACTICING THE BLESSING

- Acknowledge _____ in all our ways—_____ day. Prov 3:6
- Acknowledge _____ we meet—_____ as God _____ them.
- _____ this question daily: _____ today, Lord?

5 Elements Of The Blessing

The blessing as described in Scripture included these five elements
(Special thanks to John Trent & Gary Smalley for their book entitled, *The Blessing*)

Meaningful Touch

Appropriate physical warmth and affection

Spoken Words

Verbalizing a positive and love message (spoken or written)

Expressing High Value

Communicating that one is valued and accepted

Picturing A Special Future

Helping one see and believe they can live a fruitful life

An Active Commitment

Willingness to do everything possible to help one be successful

Small ways we can bless others, with

a word
a look
a touch
a listening ear
a prayer
a gift
an invitation
an act of service
