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2 Corinthians 8:1-2 (NIV)

Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia. They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity.

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2 Corinthians 8:3-4 (NIV)

For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem.

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2 Corinthians 8:5 (NIV)

**They even did more than we had hoped,
for their first action was to give
themselves to the Lord and to us,
just as God wanted them to do.**

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2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)

Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.

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The Heart's Battle to Become Generous:

1. Selfish Heart vs. Sharing Heart

A selfish heart says, MINE.

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Luke 6:38 (NIV)

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

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God's blessing is not our motivation to give; God's blessing is our reward for giving.

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Proverbs 16:2 (NIV)

**All a man's ways seem innocent to him,
but motives are weighed by the LORD.**

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The Heart's Battle to Become Generous:

1. Selfish Heart vs. Sharing Heart

The Heart's Battle to Become Generous:

2. Greedy Heart vs. Grateful Heart

Luke 12:15 (NIV)

Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

A greedy heart says, MORE.

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James 1:16-17 (NIV)

**Don't be deceived, my dear brothers.
Every good and perfect gift is from above,
coming down from the Father of the
heavenly lights, who does not change like
shifting shadows.**

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The Heart's Battle to Become Generous:

2. Greedy Heart vs. Grateful Heart

The Heart's Battle to Become Generous:

3. Fearful Heart vs. Trusting Heart

A fearful heart says, WHAT IF.

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Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

**And my God will meet all your needs
according to his glorious riches
in Christ Jesus.**

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2 Chronicles 29:11-12 (NLT)

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength.

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