

**ChristChurch London Life Group Discussion Outline – 23/09/07**  
**This Grace Of Giving**  
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**2 Corinthians 8 & 9**

1. What qualities did the Macedonians display in their giving? (2 Cor 8: 1-5)
2. In seeking to provoke the Corinthians to give, as well as appealing to the example of the Macedonians' sacrificial giving (2 Cor 8:8), Paul also appeals to the example of Jesus (2 Cor 8:9). In what sense did Jesus become "poor"?
3. There is an "opportunity cost" of giving. If we give our money away we don't have it any more! What re-assurance does 2 Cor 9:6-15 provide?
4. In deciding how much to give to an offering, I said that 2 Cor 8 & 9 provided a "safety net" which you can run your intended gift through. Can anyone remember the 4 parts of the safety net?
  - a) Answer = "Is my gift? . . .
    - a) Motivated by grace (2 Cor 8:1, 8:7, 9:8)
    - b) Generous and sacrificial (2 Cor 8:2, 9:6)
    - c) Not commanded or under compulsion (2 Cor 8:8, 9:7)
    - d) Cheerful (2 Cor 8:2, 9:7)

Q. How do you feel about your regular giving, or occasional giving (to offerings) when you run it through these 4 points?