

SERMON NOTES

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GIVING: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 May 7, 2023 THE SERMON ON THE AMOUNT

BIG IDEA: Giving involves our heart much more than our finances.

MINDSETS OF GIVING

Guilt giving-because we have to.

<u>Grudge</u> giving-because we ought to.

<u>Grace</u> giving-because we want to.

MISCONCEPTIONS OF GIVING

#1 – Only wealthy people should give. (Luke 21:1-4)

#2 – It is <u>unpleasant</u> to give. (Acts 20:35)

#3 – Giving results in a lack of <u>resources</u>. (John 6:5-13)

#4 – Just do what you can. (1 Chronicles 29:14-16)

#5 – Giving must be <u>coerced</u>. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

#6 – We give to causes. (1 Chronicles 29:17)

MOTIVATION FOR GIVING

Jesus' gift of salvation should motivate us to respond joyfully. (1 Corinthians 1:4)

Grace reminds us of our weakness and also of God's strength. (2 Corinthians 12:9)