

2 Cor 8:1-9 - The Apostle refers this wholly to the matter of finance to the originating operation of the grace of G. opens up the word in vs 1 - the concept that the Church owes its existence to the grace of G, & His grace rests upon it

vs 2 = Their utter poverty - Their down-to-the-depth poverty. 2 ingredients: great spiritual joy & deep poverty: The result was to make a greater effort to give -

vs 4 - They pressed it on us as a favor to them to take & convey this grace prompted collection -

vs 5 = Their liberality was but the outward manifestation of a previous absolute surrender to the Lord for His work. Under the influence of G's will - Their persons were surrendered, then & therefore, their purses.

vs 9 = Example cited to open purses, & to make a real money-sacrifice for others good. It is the divine intention that we, should be rich, in view of X's poverty. We are to live & act spiritually as those who possess a wealth of life & power in Him. We are to draw upon & to spend up to the limit of the unsearchable riches of X.