

THIS ACT OF GRACE

2 Corinthians 8:7

“...see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”

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A. Introduction

1. To whom is Paul writing? _____
2. What is the object of the text phrase? _____

B. What does the OT say on the subject?

1. Before the Law was given
 - a. Gen. 4:3-4 _____
 - b. Gen. 14:17-20 _____
 - c. Gen. 28:20-22 _____
2. After the Law was given
 - a. Lev. 27:30-32
 - b. Lev. 27:26
 - c. Prov. 3:9
 - d. Lev. 19:23-25

C. What is the action verb in our text phrase? _____

Rom. 15:3; 1 Thess. 4:1

D. What word does Paul use to define giving in our text? _____

1. What descriptors does Paul use regarding God’s grace?
 - a. Eph. 1:7 _____
 - b. Eph. 2:7 _____

2. Define the Greek term “huperballo.” _____

3. What does “huperballo” describe in the following verses?

- a. Eph. 1:14
- b. Eph. 3:19
- c. Eph. 2:7

E. What is the command in our text phrase? _____

Why does Paul say it’s not a command? 2 Cor. 8:8a

1. Whom did Paul use as an illustration? _____

2 Cor. 8:1 What did they do?

2. What other tests are given in Scripture that should mark us as true believers in Christ? Gal. 5:22-23

3. How is giving a test of true, genuine faith? Eph. 1:7

F. What is my response now? Ask yourself these questions:

1. Can I truthfully say I am giving biblically?
2. Does my giving mark me as having true, genuine faith?
3. Is my giving generous in light of my financial circumstances?
4. Is my giving an act of worship, an expression of thanksgiving, a demonstration of my love for my Lord?

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