Compelled to Give (2 Corinthians 8:12)

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INTRODUCTION

- People have no problem whatsoever, even giving foolishly to something if they're excited about it.
- And that part of being excited about the giving is what I want to talk to you about.
- Number one, he is trying to repair a fracture in his relationship with the church at Corinth that is not his doing.

1 Christ's Love Compels Us

2 Corinthians 5:14–15; 2 Corinthians 8:8–9; 2 Corinthians 9:7

- For Christ's love compels us. Because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.
- They who live should no longer live for themselves. That is the attitude of a Christian in a nutshell.
- For your sake, he became poor, that you through his poverty might become rich.
- Not merely by way of commandment, but I am proving the sincerity of your love.
- Not under compulsion, not grudgingly. But God loves a cheerful giver.

2 You Are Redeemed

Psalm 49:7–9; 1 Peter 1:18–19; Mark 2:9

- This one thing alone should compel you to give toward God. And that is that you are redeemed.
- No one can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for them. The ransom of a life is costly.
- That one thing alone is enough motivation for all the giving God wants us to do toward him and in his cause.
- If we know the slavery from which we've been released, if we know the value that our creator has placed upon us to make such a precious gift. That's enough.

3 We Are Elevated, Assisted and Glorified

Romans 8:30; Ephesians 1:8

- We come out of the muck and mire in the prison of our sin, but then we are elevated.
- And furthermore, we are assisted. Angels ministering spirits are sent out to serve the elect.
- Those whom he called, he also glorified. We have the prospect of such an incredible hope before us.
- This is all the motivation I need to give in every way that God wants me to give.

4 The Example of the Macedonians

2 Corinthians 8:2–5; Romans 12:1

- They first gave themselves to the Lord. That fixes it.
- They did so with an attitude of an abundance of joy. They were even poor. But they were liberal in the midst of their poverty.
- I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice.
- You see, this is the foundation for it all.

5 Four Things That Will Follow

2 Corinthians 12:15

- Once you get here, there are four things that will of necessity follow in your response. We won't be begrudging of our time anymore.
- I'll tell you why they don't want to. They never got here. They haven't first given themselves to the Lord.
- I don't have to praise him. I must praise him.
- I will most gladly expend and be expended for your souls.
- We are investing in a work that only we are doing in the world.

THE CHALLENGE

Come submissively to his majesty. And give him the praise that is due. You are not your own. Glorify God in your body.

MY NOTES