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***FinishStrong – Grace and Giving***

**2 Corinthians 8:1-15**

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All that we have has come from God

All that we have has come from God out of His grace to us

All that we have has come from God as a stewardship for Him

All that we have has come from God and our use of it reflects our understanding of His grace

- They needed to finish to prove their love was genuine (v. 8)

- They needed to finish because it was to their advantage (v. 10)

- They needed to finish with the readiness of what they had (vv. 11-12)

**Grace and Giving**

**2 Corinthians 8:1-15**

The church in Corinth (southern Greece)...

The churches in Macedonia (northern Greece)...

- They needed to finish as a way of doing what is fair (vv. 13-15)

**Four Characteristics of a Giving Heart (8:1-7)**

The Macedonian churches (believers) were an example of giving:

- They were moved by the grace of God (vv. 1-2)

- They were compelled by the fellowship of believers (vv. 3-4)

- They were submissive to the will of God (v. 5)

- They were diligent to excel all ways, including giving (vv. 6-7)

**Four Encouragements for Giving Hands (8:8-15)**

The Corinthian church (believers) needed to finish their giving: