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2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Recently, someone posted on Facebook an illustration demonstrating the joy of being generous. They explained that giving something willingly and happily without expecting anything in return is generosity, whether you are donating money to an organization you believe in or you are giving time to a friend in need. In essence, generosity is the sincere desire to make others' lives easier and more pleasant.

Generosity is not determined by what you have, what you can get, or even your current circumstances. Giving comes from the heart. The Apostle Paul reported how the Macedonian churches recognized a need and wanted to help, but they lacked resources and their circumstances were against them (2 Corinthians 8:1-5). What made the essential difference in their ability to be generous? They trusted God, so they gave.

When you are in Divine partnership with the Heavenly Father, even the widow's mite becomes sacrificial giving. Trust God enough to give beyond your ability. It is called, *the Grace of Giving*.

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