GENEROUS LIKE GOD

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iod's <u>LOVE</u> means that God _	<u>Himself</u> to others.	
JOHN 3:16 For God so	<u>o loved</u> the world that <u>He gave His only begotten Son</u>	
	WNS all things, and He GENEROUSLY GIVES all things.	
	er 1:3; James 1:17; Psalm 84:11	
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Eternity Pastthe Present	(His Trinity),> <u>WITHIN HIMSELF!</u> (His redemption),> <u>THE CROSS!</u>	
• Eternity Future.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
O HOW SHOULD WE RESPONI	D TO THIS GENEROUS GOD?	
1)HIM. 7	Turn to Him in <u>repentance</u> and <u>belief</u> .	
2) IN HIM	1. Live for Him in gratitude and worship.	
3) <u>HIM</u> . (Give as He gave in generosity and gladness.	
EPHESIANS 5:1-2		
	mitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us	
<u>and gave hims</u>	self up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.	
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1 We want you to know, brothers, about the <u>grace</u> of God that has been given among the churches of **Macedonia**, 2 for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a **wealth of generosity on their part**. 3 For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, 4 begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—5 and this, not as we expected, **but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us**.

6 Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you <u>this act of grace</u>. 7 But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in <u>this act of grace</u> also.

SO WHAT and HOW do we give?

1)	NOTICE the Macedonians' act of chapters 8:1-9:15
	Χάρις = charis (or 'grace') occurs 8 times in chapters 8 and 9.
	Referring to the undeserved in regards to salvation.
	Referring to the undeserved <u>of the saints</u> .
2)	Notice the Macedonians' <u>extreme affliction</u> and vs 2
	severe affliction = persecution and harassment
	extreme poverty = $\beta \dot{\alpha} \theta o u \varsigma$ = bathos 'deep' 'their down-to-the-depths poverty'
	Basically, they were and
21	Notice the Macadenians' and aift us 2.9.2
3)	Notice the Macedonians' and gift. vs 2 & 3 Beyond all!
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۵۱	Notice the Macedonians' and emotion. vs 4
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5)	Notice the Macedonians' motivation. vs 4
	They viewed it as <u>a privilege</u> to <u>help</u> of fellow Christians
6)	Notice WHAT the Macedonians gave:
	A- They gave first to GOD and then to OTHERS. vs 5
	B- They gave THEIR as a help to those in need.
	Their willing, sacrificial gift became a visible manifestation of their Christ-like love.
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11	HE CALL TO ACTION: vs 7 'see that you excel in <u>this act of grace</u> also.' Like Jesus, Paul calls Christians to everything, including, to needs of others
	and the work of God's kingdom.
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	8 I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love
	also is genuine. 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was
	rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.
Se	ee and follow Christ's example in generous giving for the