

## What Lessons Can We Learn from Their Example?



The \_\_\_\_\_ not the \_\_\_\_\_ changes lives.

2 Corinthians 8:1-3, 12; Mark 12:44

David says, “I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.” 2 Samuel 24:24

\_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ is the inspiration.

2 Corinthians 8:2-3; 9:7

\_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ is the focus.

2 Corinthians 8:2-3; 9:7; Proverbs 11:24-25

\_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ is the motivation.

2 Corinthians 8:8-9; Luke 16:10

## The Example of the Macedonian Churches

### Their Impact

“<sup>7</sup>As a result, you yourselves became an example to all the Christians in Greece. <sup>8</sup>**And now the word of the Lord is ringing out from you to people everywhere, even beyond Greece, for wherever we go we find people telling us about your faith in God.** We don’t need to tell them about it, <sup>9</sup>for they themselves keep talking about the wonderful welcome you gave us and how you turned away from idols to serve the true and living God.” **1 Thessalonians 1:7-9 (NLT)**

### Their Beliefs that Impacted Their Actions

- God’s  
“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.” **Philippians 4:19 (NIV)**
- God’s  
“You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” **Acts 20:35 (NLT)**
- God’s  
“So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. <sup>7</sup>But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” **2 Corinthians 8:6-7 (NIV)**