**Crazy Faith.** Part 3 Pastor David King

(2 Corinthians 8:1-12) And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. **2**In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. **3**For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, **4**they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people. **5**And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. **6**So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. **7**But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. **8**I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. **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 through his poverty might become rich. **10**And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. **11**Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. **12**For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. (NIV)

**1. Give \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

(2 Corinthians 9:7) Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (NIV)

(Proverbs 21:26) Some people are always greedy for more, but the godly love to give! (NLT)

**2. Give \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

(2 Corinthians 8:5) And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. (NIV)

(John 3:16) For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (NIV)

**3. Give \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

(2 Corinthians 8:12) For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. (NIV)

**4. Give \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

(Psalm 116:12) What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me? (NIV)

(1 Chronicles 29:14) “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. (NIV)

**5. Give \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

(2 Corinthians 9:7) You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.” (NLT)

(1 Timothy 6:19) By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity! And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well. (TLB)

**The Promise: You cannot out-give God**

(2 Corinthians 9:6) Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. (NIV)