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Josephus mentions that Queen Helena, a Jewish proselyte, brought grain in Egypt and figs from Cyprus for the relief for the hard-pressed Judeans: *“Now her coming was of very great advantage to the people of Jerusalem, for whereas a famine did oppress them at that time, and many people died for want of what was necessary to procure food, Queen Helena sent some of her servants to Alexandria with money to buy a great quantity of corn, and others of them to Cyprus to bring a cargo of dried figs.”*

Giving Is A Blessing Not A Burden

2Co 8:1 *And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches.*

~Grace

~Mindset

~God doesn't need my giving

Mal 3:10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

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Giving Is About The ATTITUDE Of Your Heart And Not The Amount In Your Account

2Cor 8:2 Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

~The circumstances of Macedonian church

~The self-sacrifice of Macedonian church

~The attitude of the Macedonian Church

Giving Beyond The Normal Happens When You Feel You Are Giving TO Something Rather Than Giving Something AWAY

2Cor 8:3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints.

~Pushed their limits

~Pleaded to give

~Felt Privileged to give

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Giving Beyond Happens When You Start With The Heart Instead Of The Head

2Cor 8:5 And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us

*~The way you **START** influences how you **FINISH***

~Start with the heart...not with the head

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Today...Start With Your Heart!

- ABC
- Take your Next Step
- Start Praying About Year End and Capital Campaign

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