



THE SECRET TO PERMANENT JOY | WEEK 2

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Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to **excel** also in this gracious **act of giving**. *2 Corinthians 8:7*

Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what **God** in his **kindness** has done through the churches in Macedonia. *2 Corinthians 8:1*

They are being tested by many **troubles**, and they are very **poor**. But they are also filled with abundant **joy**, which has overflowed in rich **generosity**. *2 Corinthians 8:2*

For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but **far more**. And they did it of their own **free will**. *2 Corinthians 8:3*

Their joy was rooted in _____, not their

They even did more than we had hoped, for their **first action** was to **give themselves** to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do. *2 Corinthians 8:5*

I can do **all things** through Christ who gives me strength. *Philippians 4:13*

I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the **secret** of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. *Philippians 4:12*

A lack of generosity reveals a lack of _____.

“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You **cannot** serve God and be enslaved to money.” *Matthew 6:24*

Their joy in Christ _____ in generosity.

...the **godly** are generous givers. *Psalm 37:21*

You know the **generous grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich. *2 Corinthians 8:9*

Ephesians 1:6-8

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“Freely you have **received**; freely **give**.” *Matthew 10:8*

Their joy was _____ by bringing joy to _____.

“The people who radiate a permanent joy have given themselves over to lives of deep and loving commitment. Giving has become their nature, and little by little they have made their souls incandescent.” – David Brooks

They **begged** us again and again for the **privilege** of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. *2 Corinthians 8:4*

“It is more blessed to **give** than to receive.” *Acts 20:35*

Give freely and become more **wealthy**.... *Proverbs 11:24*

“It’s not the things you have and enjoy that make you rich, but the things you give away.” – C.S. Lewis



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Generosity
Christ, circumstances
surrender
overflowed
misunderstanding, grace
completed, others