

“Tapping Into God’s Resources”

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Acts 4:12

“there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among mankind by which we must be saved.”

Romans 10:14,15

“How then are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? How are they to believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? But how are they to preach unless they are sent?

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1 Thessalonians 1:6,7

You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word during great affliction with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

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Great Joy + Deep Poverty = *Liberality*

“If suddenly in our churches an epidemic of ‘Macedonian Giving Fever’ broke out, and parishioners began pleading with their pastors for the opportunity to give, there might well be a rash of pastors dying from heart failure.”

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“They gave not only what they could afford,
but far more.”

-New Living Translation

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“Nothing is a miracle until it reaches that area where the very utmost that human effort can do is not enough, and God moves in to fill the space between what is possible and what He wants done that is impossible.”

- Bob Pierce, Founder of World Vision

“No faith has been exercised until you have promised more than it is possible for you to give.” - Bob Pierce

“Real Faith is believing and acting obediently
regardless of circumstances, or contrary
evidence.” - Chuck Colson

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“Do with less so they’ll have enough.”

“What are you attempting that you cannot accomplish without an intervention from the Lord?” - Lloyd Olgilvie

“Most of us live our lives within the narrow limits of what we can do in our own strength and talents. We keep life carefully constricted inside the boundaries of what we are sure we can handle by ourselves. *In reality, we don't need God.*” - Lloyd Olgilvie

*What does your giving say about
your need of God?*

