


1 The Macedonian churches are set as an example of how Christians should approach generosity.


 Read Acts 16:19-24, Phil 1:7 and 1 Thess. 3:1-5. What can you glean from these passages about the circumstances in the Macedonian churches?

 Using verses 1-5 of our passage make a list of how Paul describes the Macedonian churches' circumstances at this time.

 What are some of the most important factors in generosity?

2 Look at verse 7, Paul mentions the various graces that the Corinthians have and abound in, and the grace that he desires that they excel at. What can you glean from the list? Do the Corinthians abound in inward graces or outward graces?

 Why is it important to grow as a complete disciple, not neglecting any one aspect?

 Is there a relationship between the abundance Paul describes in verse 7 and the "gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ" in verse 9?

 Read 1 Corinthians 4:7. Why is it important that the Corinthians remember this verse? How does it relate to giving?

