

2 Corinthians 8:1-8:5 Study Questions

What did Paul point out that the Macedonians had done?

Give examples of the vivid language Paul uses in these 5 verses? Why do you think he goes out of the way to describe the scene like he does?

What was the conditions of the churches in Macedonia?

How does Paul describe their giving?

Why is it important that the Macedonians gave themselves to the Lord first? (v. 5)

What happens when we switch the two in verse 5?

The Macedonians had an “abundance of joy” despite their circumstances. Why is it so difficult for us to separate our joy and our current circumstances?

If we find ourselves going through long times of joylessness, should that alert us to a problem?

What are practical differences between doing something (church attendance, prayer, serving, giving, etc.) out of moral obligation and out of the overflow of the joy we find in God?

Psalm 42:1-2 As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.
2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Pray for God to give you a thirst for Him and His kingdom.