**"The Great Gift of Giving"** Real Ministry in a Dot.Com World • pt. 17 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

INTRODUCTION

"I don't believe in tithing...but it's a good place to start." – James Lewis Kraft

MAIN IDEA I give to God in proportion to what God gives to me.

## 1. Example "A" — the Macedonians

- spiritual history
- economic history
- "deep poverty"
- "they gave..." ...beyond \_\_\_\_\_.

...of their \_\_\_\_\_.

...themselves first \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. Exhortation

- their gifts
- the imbalance

• not obedience, but generosity Gal. 6:10

## 3. Example "B" — Jesus Himself

## "Give God what's right...not what's left!" - anon

Ex. 36:2-7

Emmanuel Bible Notes May 20, 2001 • Pastor Rob Martini