

Adult Impact Study Sheet

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If possible, read **2 Corinthians 8:9** from several translations.
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“For you are recognizing [more clearly] the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [His astonishing kindness, His generosity, His gracious favor], that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich (abundantly blessed)” (2 Corinthians 8:9 AMP).

You will see that chapters 8 and 9 of 2 Corinthians deal with the grace of giving. Keep that in mind as you consider this verse and its setting in this context.

1. This verse could be summarized in the often heard acrostic for grace:

God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense

Expand on the meanings of grace in addition to what is given in the Amplified version of our passage above.

2. Relate grace to each of the fruit of the Spirit given in Galatians 5:22-23.

If you were to ask today’s ‘man on the street’ what grace means, what kinds of responses do you think you’d receive? Would you find that they fall very short of the full meaning of grace in the Bible? How so?

3. Describe the meanings of:

- “...though He was rich...”
- “ He became poor,...”

4. Pause and meditate on the truth of the words, “...for your sakes...” Discuss together.
5. “God is not after our time, talents, or bank accounts. He already owns the world and everything in it (Ex, 19:5). His greatest desire is to have a personal and intimate relationship with you for all eternity.”¹ Discuss how this statement should affect our living.

¹ *The Charles F. Stanley Life Principles Bible*, p. 1820