

Modeling Generosity

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Define Benevolence-
well meaning; kindness

Synonyms

Compassion

Thoughtfulness

Decency

Openhandedness

Oxford Dictionary

In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.

2 Corinthians 8:2-4

**And they exceeded our expectations:
They gave themselves first of all to
the Lord, and then by the will of God
also to us.**

2 Corinthians 8:5

But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you —see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

2 Corinthians 8:7

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

2 Corinthians 8:12

**Give sacrificially
but
You can't give what you don't have.**

Define Equality

the state of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities

Oxford Dictionary

At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, as it is written: "The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little."

2 Corinthians 8:14-15

Caring for a grievance

A Disciple of Jesus is someone
who is Devoted to;

Christ (The Person)
His Church (His people)
His Mission (His passion)