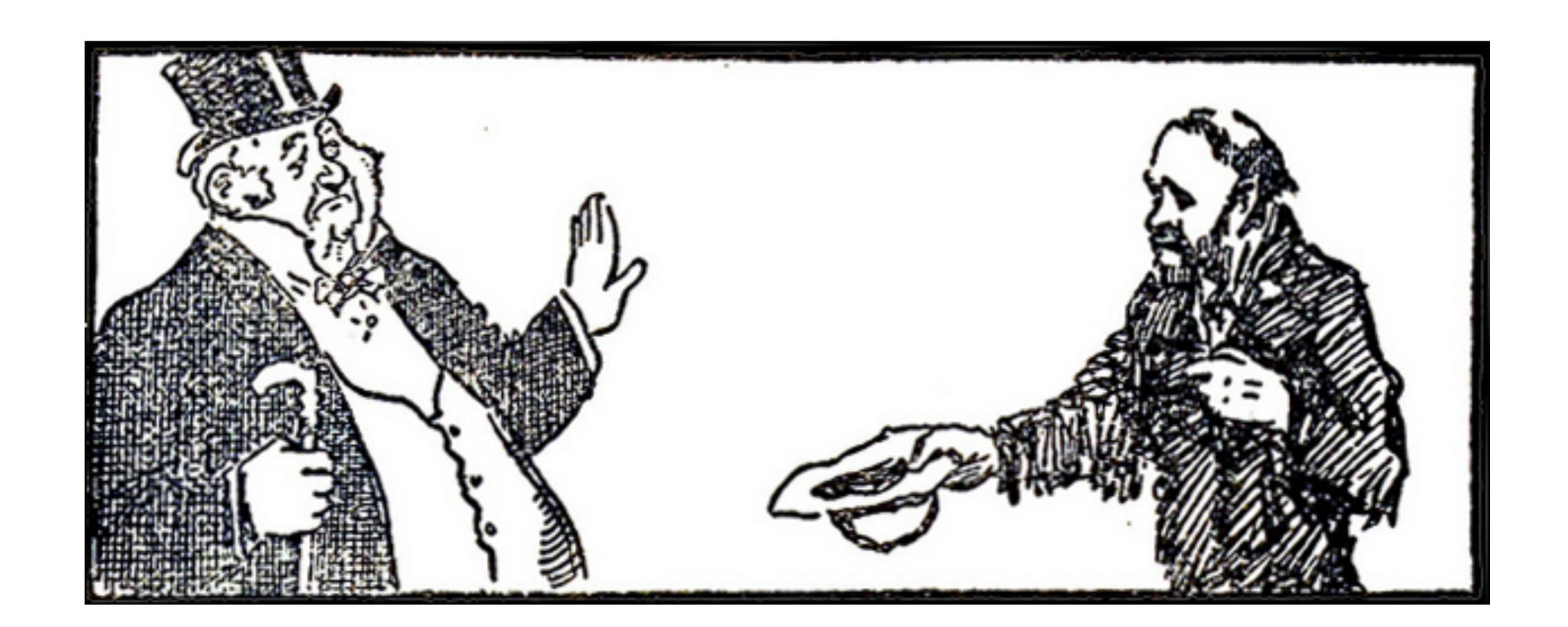
## THE RICHEST POOR 2ND CORINTHIANS 8:1-5



# They Had Joy Despite Afflictions

- V. 2
- The Afflictions They Suffered Acts 16:19-24; 17:5-9, 13
- The 'Key' To Success in Faith
  - Joy Necessary In Trials

Acts 16:19-24

• Why Rejoice?

Acts 8:39; 5:41; 1st Pet. 4:13; Matt. 5:12

• When Joy Is Absent...

# They Were Generous, Though Poorw. 2, 3

- The Poverty of the Macedonians
- Their Generosity
  - Abundant v. 2b

v. 3

- Beyond Their Ability
- They Were Freely Willing
- When Generosity Is Absent...



#### They Desired To Help Brethren

- They Saw The Opportunity
  - Fellowship Through Giving
  - They Begged To Participate



#### They Desired To Help Brethren

- The Motivation for the Macedonians
  - Concern For Others
  - Love for Others

1st John 3:17

• When Desire Is Absent...



### They Sacrificed Themselves First

**V.** 5

- Giving Themselves to the Lord
  - The Basic Requirements of All Disciples

Deut. 6:5; Rom. 12:1; Matt. 16:24/Luke 14:26

• They Did This First



### They Sacrificed Themselves First

**V.** 5

- They Gave Themselves to Fellow Believers
  - An Outcome of Their Love
  - The Proper Perspective

Philippians 2:3

• When Self-Sacrifice Is Absent...