

# THE RICHEST POOR

2<sup>ND</sup> CORINTHIANS 8:1-5



# *Joy* 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; 1<sup>st</sup> Pet. 4:13; Matt. 5:12*
- When Joy Is Absent...



# **They Were Generous, Though Poor** **v. 2, 3**

- **The Poverty of the Macedonians**
- **Their Generosity**
  - **Abundant**
  - **Beyond Their Ability**
  - **They Were Freely Willing**
- **When Generosity Is Absent...**

**v. 2b**

**v. 3**

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# **They Desired To Help Brethren**

**v. 4**

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



# They Desired To Help Brethren

v. 4

- The Motivation for the Macedonians
- Concern For Others
- Love for Others
- When Desire Is Absent...

1<sup>st</sup> John 3:17



# 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...

