



A Twenty-One Day Digital Devotional

## Day Twenty

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### ***All Grace Abound***

***And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. - 2 Corinthians 9:8***

Yesterday we focused on Paul's words in the previous verse of this chapter and observed how God desires His followers to be cheerful givers. We then dug a little deeper to the "why" of the matter by looking at a couple of reasons God would ask us to do such a thing. For today, I want to look at the result and promise of such a command. Although this whole verse is beautiful, there is a specific phrase that sticks out to me and it is this; "all grace abound". I love this phrase because it displays our smallness in comparison to God's excuse-shattering bigness.

For instance, someone might say, "Well you see, I only work a part-time job so I can't really steward my finances like you're saying." Well according to Paul, "God is able to make all grace abound to you." Or on the other end of the spectrum, it might sound like this: "But you don't understand, I make a lot of money and to keep up with my family's lifestyle, I can't truly put God at the center of my finances." Likewise, Paul says to this person, "God is able to make all grace abound to you."

Although stewarding our finances is admittedly challenging, this verse is such a refreshing promise. God's abounding grace will cover all of your needs and more. In fact, this word "abound" is even bigger and richer than we might imagine at first glance. If you have gone to the movies or even certain fast food restaurants lately, you have probably approached one of those new time-machine looking soda machines. You may have poured yourself a clean crisp Sprite as you prepared to watch the new LEGO Batman movie. Or, if you have good discernment and are led by the Spirit, you might have poured

yourself a refreshing Dr. Pepper with a little bit of vanilla and cherry mixed in. But regardless of how great and complex these machines are, they still have malfunctions.

For instance, you or someone you know has most likely been the victim of the “ice avalanche”. This is what happens when the machine begins dropping ice cubes into your cup but decides it cannot stop and will not stop. So your cup begins to fill up with ice rapidly and begins overflowing and pouring out the top into the tray below as you frantically try to get someone’s attention. THIS is what Paul means when he says “All grace ABOUND”. The promise is that as you steward your finances and put God at the center of this, you will overflow and explode with grace. Of course this grace may look different for each of us, but rest assured, it will be abounding for all of us. That is a promise worth trusting and pursuing.

## Questions To Consider

What excuses have you made in the past about not stewarding your finances with God at the center?

In what areas do you see God’s “abounding” grace poured into your life as a result of putting Him at the center of the finances you steward?

## Prayer Focus

*Lord, thank You for Your abounding grace! Thank You that Your promises are always greater and richer than our commitments. I pray that You would bless me and allow me to see Your grace more fully as I steward Your finances with You at the center. Amen.*

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