

An Invitation to Stewardship by Padre Alejandro Montes

The last two years have been very difficult. We are miraculously surviving. Saint Paul gives testimony of the Macedonian community and tells us "Now, brothers, we want to tell you how the goodness of God has been shown in the Macedonian churches. Despite the trials they have had to go through, they are very happy; and despite being very poor, their offerings have been as generous as if they were rich." 2 Corinthians 8: 1-2. The message of this community of faith is a testimony of fidelity to God. The difficulties through which they had passed, had not removed from their hearts the happiness that should characterize Christians for their faith in the living and faithful God.



The Apostle Paul in the first letter to the Corinthians, praises them for the gifts (charis, charism) that they had and that they should use for the good of the community. Charis or charisma also means generosity. We must be generous in serving, also generous in giving. "Their offerings have been as generous as if they were rich"

The desire of the GRACE community is that we manifest our Stewardship by generously offering God our Time, Talent and also Treasure; so that GRACE continues to carry out the ministry entrusted by the Lord, for the good of the families that surround us. Make your faith promise, thinking generously. "Each one should give according to what he has decided in his heart, and not reluctantly or by force, because God loves the one who gives with joy." 2 Corinthians 9: 7

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Los dos últimos años han sido muy difíciles. Estamos sobreviviendo milagrosamente. San Pablo da testimonio de la comunidad de Macedonia y nos dice "Ahora, hermanos, queremos contarles cómo se ha mostrado la bondad de Dios en las iglesias de Macedonia. A pesar de las pruebas por las que han tenido que pasar, son muy felices; y a pesar de ser muy pobres, sus ofrendas han sido tan generosas como si fueran ricos." 2 Corintios 8:1-2. El mensaje de esta comunidad de fe, es un testimonio de la fidelidad a Dios. Las dificultades por la que habían pasado, no había quitado del corazón de ellos, la felicidad que debe caracterizar a los cristianos por su fe puesta en el Dios vivo y fiel.

El Apóstol Pablo en la primera carta a los corintios, les elogia por los dones (charis, carisma) que tenían y que deberían usarlo en bien de la comunidad. Charis o carisma significa también generosidad. Debemos ser generosos en servir, también generosos en dar. "Sus ofrendas han sido tan generosas como