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They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. **2 CORINTHIANS 8:2,3**

Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving. I am not commanding you to do this. But I am testing how genuine your love is by comparing it with the eagerness of the other churches. **2 CORINTHIANS 8:7,8**

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(Discuss these questions in your LifeGroup and/or with your family and friends.)

- ICEBREAKER QUESTION:** Talking about money in church is guaranteed to create angst (even anger) among the majority of attendees. What is it about this topic that makes you uncomfortable? If you no longer struggle with talking about the Bible's teaching on money, share how you overcame your struggle.
- ① Honoring God with the "first fruits" is mentioned about 25 times in the Bible. This means that we give to God first and before any other obligations are paid. What is the difference between making it a priority to give/tithe to God first versus waiting to give/tithe God what's left after you've paid your bills?
 - ② Are you tithing? Perhaps you made significant progress toward tithing? If so, share your spiritual journey in this area as well as how tithing has helped you grow in your faith. If you aren't tithing yet, share why you are struggling with it.
 - ③ Think about your current "giving gap." What factors are involved in what your current giving reality is versus what it should be - or could be? (If you are tithing, is God challenging you to become more generous?)
 - ④ Lee shared our current annual giving versus a projection of what our annual giving (\$8.8 million vs. \$33.5 million) could be if everyone would tithe. How do you feel about the fact that our church isn't doing well when it comes to being obedient to God in the area of money?
 - ⑤ What could that mean for our church if we all chose to honor God with our giving? Think about the ways we could live out our mission statement to a greater extent. Would you like to see us be able to help more people through new locations, church plants or ministry to the poor?
 - ⑥ Here's the most important question for you: If you are a Christ-follower, are you going to be obedient to God's teaching on money?

Did you hear this?

Are the following statements **True** or **False**?

1. To be a Missional Member at CedarCreek, you must show your W-2.
2. Lee and Joi live in a 30,000 square foot mansion.

Both are **FALSE!** We do ask people to move toward a biblical tithe but we do not check-up on them! Finally, Lee and Joi live in a 2,400 square foot home valued at \$220,00 in Rossford.

FEATURED SONGS:

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S.TOL - Lauren Miller; **WH** - Emily Goldsmith

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SCRIPTURE MEMORY

(Memorize this verse for the month of January.)

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7 (New Living Translation)

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