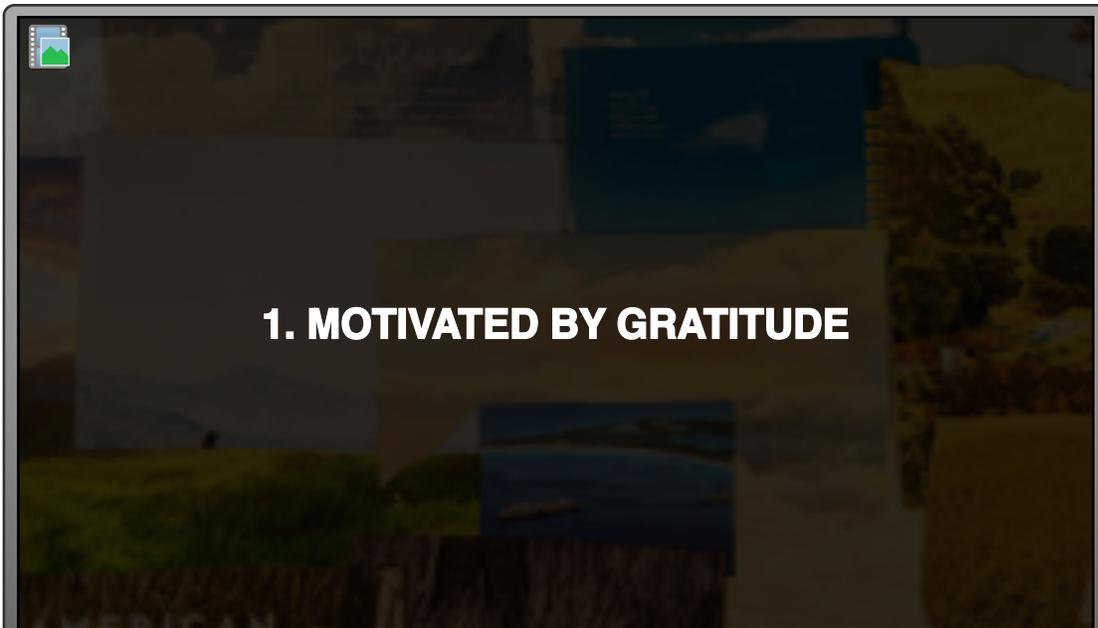




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2 CORINTHIANS 8:8-9

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

3. VERSE-BG



2 CORINTHIANS 9:15

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

4. VERSE-BG



2. FOLLOW THE PATTERN OF GOD'S GENEROSITY

5. VERSE-BG



PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God As something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

6. VERSE-BG



3. WITHOUT EXTERNAL COMPULSION

7. VERSE-BG



We're to give . . .

1. Give with “overflowing joy” (2 Cor. 8:2)
2. Give “as much as you are able,” and even “beyond [your] ability” (2 Cor. 8:3)
3. Consider it a “privilege” to share (2 Cor. 8:4)
4. “Excel (*perisseuō*) in the grace of giving” (2 Cor. 8:7)

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5. Give sacrificially, reflecting the generosity of Jesus toward us (2 Cor. 8:9)
6. Give according to “your desire” (2 Cor. 8:10)
7. Give “generously,” not “grudgingly,” (2 Cor. 9:5-6)
8. Give what we have “decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Cor. 9:7)

9. VERSE-BG



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