

Wesley Wright

Lighthouse Bible Church

Sunday, June 7, 2026

2 Corinthians 8:6-15

Title: Poor that we might be rich

Paul encouraged readers at Corinth to give in lockstep with the other values they had already shown (2 Corinthians 8:7-8). He did not command them, notably. Remember freewill giving?

**What does it mean that Jesus Christ
was poor? What does it mean that we
became rich via His poverty (2
Corinthians 8:9)?**

**First, consider the basic necessities.
Many of us, but not all, have more than
we need: 1 Timothy 6:6-10**

**Jesus Christ was rich, and everything
was created through Him:**

**John 8:51-59; Colossians 1:15-18;
Hebrews 1:3-9**

**While he was physically on the Earth,
Jesus Christ did not live a lavish life.**

Luke 9:57-62

**That same Jesus Christ voluntarily died
on a cross like a common criminal:**

Luke 22:31-38; Philippians 2:5-8

**You and I believers as believers are rich
as a result of His sacrifice on our behalf:**

Romans 8:16-19, Ephesians 1:1-3

Given what they had, Paul urged those at Corinth to willingly give for the sake of other saints (2 Corinthians 8:10-12).

Mark 4:24-25, Luke 6:37-38

**The Macedonians were poor, and dealt
with a great deal of affliction. Not the
case in Corinth —
they were in a bustling city of
commerce.**

**Equity or equality was on Paul's mind
(2 Corinthians 8:13-15). Those who had
much should help support those who did
not.**

Psalm 112:4-9; 1 Timothy 6:17-18

God's only begotten Son lived life like a pauper would, and he died a death that made it so we could enjoy wonderful riches in Him.

**Knowing full well the riches we have in
Christ, those who can should give on
their own volition — remember what we
have been given.**

Give freely, according to what you have.

There's no poverty vow needed, just know the obligation we have to help one another. You don't have anything that was not given to you by our great God and Savior.