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This map illustrates Paul's missionary journey through the Aegean Sea region. The journey is marked by a red line with arrows indicating the direction of travel. Key locations include:

- Macedonia:** Thessalonica, Berea, Amphipolis, Philippi, Neapolis.
- Islands:** THASOS, SAMOTHRACE, LEMNOS, LESBOS, Mitylene, CHIOS, SAMOS, PATMOS.
- Asia Minor:** Troas, Assos, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadel, Hierap, Miletus, Ephesus, Smyrna, odicea.
- Greece:** EUBOEIA, Athens, Corinth, Cenchreae, ACHAIA, Sparta.

Geographical features include the MARMARA SEA to the north and the AEGEAN SEA to the east. A text box in the upper right corner states: "Paul restores life to young Eutychus".

A map of the Aegean Sea region showing Paul's missionary journey. The map includes the following locations and regions:

- Regions:** MACEDONIA, THYATIRA, MYSIA, ACHAEA, CARIA, EUBOEAE.
- Islands:** THASOS, SAMOTHRACE, LEMNOS, LESBOS, CHIOS, SAMOS, PATMOS.
- Cities:** Philippi, Neapolis, Amphipolis, Thessalonica, Berea, Apollonia, Troas, Assos, Mitylene, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadel, Hierap, odicea, Ephesus, Miletus, Corinth, Cenchreae, Athens, Sparta.
- Water Bodies:** MARMARA SEA, AEGEAN SEA.
- Key Event:** Paul restores life to young Eutychus (indicated by a red box).
- Journey Path:** A red line with arrows indicates the route of Paul's journey, starting from the east (near Ephesus/Miletus), passing through Miletus, Ephesus, Smyrna, Sardis, Thyatira, Pergamum, Troas, and then through the islands of Thasos, Samothrace, Lemnos, Lesbos, Chios, Samos, and Patmos, before heading west towards Macedonia and Achaia.

A detailed map of the Eastern Mediterranean region, showing the Aegean Sea, Marmara Sea, and surrounding landmasses including Macedonia, Mysia, Achaia, and Caria. The map highlights Paul's missionary journey with a red line and arrows. Key locations marked include Thessalonica, Berea, Amphipolis, Philippi, Neapolis, Thasos, Samothrace, Lemnos, Troas, Assos, Lesbos, Mitylene, Chios, Samos, Patmos, Ephesus, Miletus, Smyrna, Sardis, Thyatira, Pergamum, Philadelphia, Hierapolis, and Iodicea. A callout box near Troas states: "Paul restores life to young Eutychus". The map also labels various islands and regions like Euboea, Achaia, and Caria.

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35 In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Acts 20:35

Stewardship starts

- 1. With understanding the relationship with the Giver and gifts**
- 2. With a Relationship with Christ, the Way**
- 3. By Living Out the Way**

After love, the next thing the Bible talks about is Money

By some counts, Scripture offers approximately

- * **500 verses on prayer,**
- * **Less than 500 on faith,**
- * **2,350 on money and possessions.**

Jesus talked extensively about money and possessions:

- * **Up to 15% of the Gospels**
- * **16 of Jesus's 38 parables on the use of money.**

From "Knowing Who We Are: The Wesleyan Way of Grace" by Lacey C. Warner

Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven.

²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

Matthew 19:23-24

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, 2 for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

2 Corinthians 8:1-2

3 For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, 4 begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— 5 and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

2 Corinthians 8:3-5

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

I Offer My Life

By Don Moen

**Lord, I offer my life to You
Everything I've been through
Use it for Your glory**

**Lord, I offer my days to You
Lifting my praise to You as a pleasing sacrifice
Lord, I offer You my life**

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