



“Giving”

The Purpose
II Corinthians 8:7-15

Part of the Christian’s:

I. Experience – “abound in this grace also” (vs. 7-8)

Experience that deals with:

- A. **Me** _____ – “as you abound in every thing”
- B. **Ma** _____ – “faith...knowledge...diligence...love for us”
- C. **Mo** _____ – “not by commandment”

II. Evidence - “to prove” (vs. 8-12)

Evidence of our:

- A. **Lov** _____ – “the sincerity of your love”
- B. **Lo** _____ – “for ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ”
- C. **L** _____ – “if there be first a willing mind”

III. Enrichment – “supply for their want” (vs. 13-15)

Enrichment that does not result in:

- A. **Welfare W** _____ - “other men be eased , and ye be burdened”
- B. **Jones J** _____ – “that there be equality”
- C. **Misplaced M** _____ – “he that gathered little had no lack”

Sentence Sermon

“The purpose of giving is to demonstrate the sincerity of our love for Jesus and His church.”

Additional Verses

- *Proverbs 11:24-25*
- *Exodus 16:15-18*
- *Ephesians 3:19*
- *I Corinthians 9:9-14; 16:1-3*
- *Matthew 6:1-4, 19-33*
- *Mark 12:41-44*
- *Luke 6:35-38*
- *Acts 4:32- 5:10; 11:26-29*
- *Romans 12:8, 13; 14:5, 23; 15:26-27*
- *Galatians 6:6-10*
- *Philippians 4:10-19*
- *I John 3:16-17*

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. How would you rank yourself in the graces found in verse 7?
4. What does it mean that Paul did not speak by commandment?
5. What words would you use to describe how Jesus gave?
6. Why does Paul say it is “expedient” for the Corinthians to give?
7. Why don’t believers follow through with their good intentions to give?
8. Why is a “willing mind” important to having acceptable giving? What is it?
9. What is the difference between Socialism and what is found in vs. 14-15?
10. How can you tell the difference between enablement and enrichment?
11. How has this passage challenged you to change your giving?