

2 Corinthians – Chapter 8

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Purpose: for the Corinthians to rebuild trust in Paul as God's Apostle
Theme: Strength in weakness



An example of giving

Read 8:1-7

- † Does it encourage or discourage you when you hear stories of faith and service like Paul tells of the Macedonian churches?
- † How does severe affliction and extreme poverty give rise to joy and giving? (vs 2)
 - See 1 Thessalonians 1:6
- † What was the gift or offering from the Macedonian churches going toward? (vs 4)
 - See Acts 11:28-29

Christ gave first

Read 8:8-9

- † What happens when giving, or tithes and offerings become a “law”?
- † Why do you give of your time, talent and treasure?
- † What is the natural result of love? (vs 8)
- † When was Christ rich? (vs 9)
- † Paul uses similar language to verse 9 in another letter, which one?
 - See Philippians 2:6-8

Keep up the excitement!

Read 8:10-15

- † What ministries excited you initially, but lost your interest over time?
- † How will the pandemic cause the Church to lose momentum?
- † Verses 11-14 have important implications for giving. What are they?
- † What does verse 15 remind you of in the Old Testament?
 - See Exodus 16:18

Arrangements

Read 8:16-24

- † The word, “earnest” can have the sense of urgency. How does that change verse 16?
- † What appeal did Titus accept? (vs 17)
- † Who are the brothers mentioned in verses 18 and 22?
- † What concerns Paul as the gift is gathered and delivered? (vs 20-21)
- † As we carry our responsibilities and important roles in the Church, how do the procedures followed here give us a model?
 - See 2 Corinthians 6:3; Romans 12:17; Philippians 2:15