

INTRODUCTION

- * Paul's 1st epistle to the church of Corinth has been primarily focused on living a life that has been "set-apart" by God and to God.
- * Over the past three weeks, we have considered the core of this set-apartness ... the message of the resurrection of Christ!
- * As John states in his epistle, "And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure." (1 Jn 3:3)
- * Today, we consider the logical continuation to our faith in the resurrection and our eternal focus, and how we can start applying the challenge to be "always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

INSTRUCTION

I. WHO: THE EXTENT OF GIVING (cf. 16:1-2; 2 Cor 8:1)

A. The U_____ Nature of Giving (1 Cor 16:1; 2 Cor 8:1)

B. The P_____ Nature of Giving (1 Cor 16:2)

II. WHEN: THE TIMING OF GIVING (cf. 16:2; Mt 28:1; Luke 24:1; John 20:1,19)

III. WHAT: THE CONTENT OF GIVING

A. The Call to Give P_____ (1 Cor 16:3)

1. TREASURING (thesaurizo: treasuring up; Matt 6:19-21; Luke 12:21; Matt 19:21; 12:35)
2. PROSPER (euodos ... success; lit. good way)

B. The Call to Give P_____ (2 cor 9:6ff)

1. CONSIDERING THE P_____ OF S_____ (v. 6; cf. Galatians 6:6-10)
2. CONSIDERING THE P_____ OF G_____ (v. 7)
3. CONSIDERING THE P_____ OF G_____ (v. 8-15)
 - a. His Provision of T_____ Things (v. 8-11)
 - b. His Provision of E_____ Things (v. 12-15)

C. The Call to Give P_____ (2 Cor 8:1-4)

IV. WHY: THE MOTIVATION OF GIVING

A. The Needs of the Kingdom

1. THE NEEDS OF THE S_____ (1 Cor 16: 1; Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-37)
2. THE NEEDS OF THE S_____ (cf. 1 Cor 16: 6,10; 1 Cor 9:1-14; 2 Cor 11:8-9; Philippians 4:10-19)

B. Our Zeal for the Kingdom (cf. 8:2-5; Romans 12:1)

INTROSPECTION

- * HOW MUCH IMPACT HAS THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST AND THE PROMISE OF YOUR RESURRECTION HAD UPON YOUR LIFE?

IS IT REFLECTED IN YOUR GIVING?

- * WHAT DOES YOUR GIVING REVEAL ABOUT YOUR PRIORITIES OF LIFE?
- * HOW CONCERNED ARE YOU ABOUT THE EXPANSION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND THE MEETING OF NEEDS OF THE SAINTS?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.

- * Is our assembly complying with the teaching of these Scriptures?
- * Should we, as an assembly, become more involved with helping to meet the needs of the saints in other areas?
- * As an assembly, how do we begin to prioritize the use of the collections received weekly?