

Morning Lesson

DIVINE INCENTIVES TO GIVE

2 Cor. 9:6-14

INTRO:

1. Every Christian knows to give as prospered.
2. What motives are there for us to give to God?

I. WE SHOULD GIVE LIBERALLY BECAUSE GIVING IS A GRACE.

- a) Paul says the Macedonians' giving is the "grace of God."
2 Cor. 8:1, 6, 7, 19; 9:14

- a) What does this mean? 2 Cor. 9:11-14

II. WE SHOULD GIVE LIBERALLY BECAUSE OF THE EXAMPLE OF THE MACEDONIANS.

- a) They gave out of deep poverty. 8:2-4 (Luke 21:1-4)
- b) They gave liberally. 8:2, 3; Rom. 12:8
- c) They gave freely, willingly. 8:3b-5
- d) They first gave themselves. 8:5
- e) He concludes this appeal in 8:7

III. WE SHOULD GIVE LIBERALLY BECAUSE OF OUR LOVE FOR THE LORD.

- a) Proof of our love. 8:8, 24
- b) Why should we love Jesus enough to give to him? 8:9
- c) When I give I am saying "I love God this much."

IV. WE OUGHT TO GIVE BECAUSE OUR GIVING WILL BE ADMINISTERED HONESTLY.

- a) Paul takes care to insure that the collection will be handled honestly. 8:16 - 9:5
- b) Church leaders today should be careful to do all things honorably in the sight of God and men. 8:21

V. WE OUGHT TO GIVE BECAUSE OF THE GOOD WE DO THROUGH OUR GIVING.

- a) Good for us. 9:6-11
- b) Good for others. 9:12-14
- c) Good for God. 9:11-13
- d) Good for the brotherhood.

VI. GOD ENCOURAGES US TO GIVE BECAUSE OF WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR US.

- a) God has given us much. 9:15
- b) What is the gift that is indescribable? Rom. 5:8; John 3:16

CONC:

1. Giving is an expression of love for God.