Let's Worship God

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2 Corinthians





Monday - 2 Corinthians 9:1-5 - Charity: Promoted by the Body
Paul takes an extra step to ensure that the Corinthians would understand that he did not doubt their commitment or their faithfulness. He says that it is unnecessary for him to write them about this. 'I know that you're willing, I know that you're committed to help. I've even boasted of it, and told others in Macedonia about how God stirred you up to act in this area of charity when you heard about the need in Jerusalem. I'm so confident in your promise to help that I've told others about your commitment to stir them up to help in the same way.' If it is needless to write again, why does Paul do so?

Paul understood life. He understood the nature of the Christian church. He could bring a confidence that the Corinthians would do as they said, not doubting their willingness, but still understand that there are a variety of factors that will sometimes hinder us in our good intentions. It might be the fact that we don't know exactly what steps are necessary to help us get to the goal that we have committed to. Or there may be, in the life of the church, a crisis that rises up or some information may come to light that changes the shape of the task. And we as human creatures may be thrown into confusion by that change of circumstance. Those are fairly innocent reasons why there might be a delay for charity to come to the finish line. There are plenty of others as well. To be honest, we have weaknesses and temptations and failings and sins that will hold us back. Paul wisely understands the nature of the church, the nature of the Christian life, and so approaches the Corinthians in a way that can encourage them with his confidence that they would finish it, but then urge them along in the stewardly application of that intention. He uses practical measures to encourage the church to finish what they started. And the first step he took was that he sent helpers.

Question
1. What did Paul understand about Christian life?

Prayer Points
1. Give thanks that our church family is a help to us in doing what we should.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse
Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Praise: Psalm 122:1-3 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Tuesday - 2 Corinthians 9:1-5 - Charity: Promoted by the Body (Part Two)
The second practical measure that Paul used here is that he gave a clear and timely appeal to the Corinthian church. By clear, I mean that he told the Corinthian church that there was a collection that they had committed for the Jerusalem church. He told them that it will take place when he arrives, and that he was sending these missionaries so that they'd be prepared for that offering. It was a timely appeal as well. The collection will take place at such and such a time. Titus will help you get organized so that you are ready, says Paul. He made a timely appeal so that they had a chance to pray about the concern that was there, to make plans if it was necessary, so that they could come together and give an offering and be a blessing to those that were in need.

The third practical measure that Paul takes is that he shows respect to the Corinthians. He's careful not to embarrass them. They'd pledged to give. They'd said that they would help. And he treated that pledge with respect. He doesn't doubt it. He's confident in their pledge, and so confident that he would testify about that commitment to others, and even use it as a means to spur other believers on in their Christian charity. That said, Paul shows deep respect for the Corinthians by prompting them so that they would act in a way to maintain their honour. They'd given their word. And he comes alongside to help them keep their word so that they wouldn't be embarrassed. Blessing is a word that's often used to describe what God does to us. God pours out His blessing on us. And that word is now used to describe how this Christian charity can be a blessing to others. This is the respect that Paul has for the Corinthians, that he's drawing them in to be God-like in their blessing of those in need. He's drawing them along to be a blessing instead of being a grudging obligation. Paul's desire, and the desire of Christ, is that we would be cheerful givers. Paul prompted them to uphold the honor of their name, so that they would fulfill what they had promised, and do so as a blessing.

Question
1. How is a clear and timely appeal wise?

Prayer Points
1. Pray that we would desire to be a blessing to others.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse
Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Praise: Psalm 122:4-6 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Wednesday - 2 Corinthians 9:6-9 - Charity: God is Able

Paul teaches that God blesses those who give. What promise does God make? Paul uses the example of planting seeds. He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Charity is when you give something that you have in your hand - you scatter it out to be a blessing to someone else. Paul says, in time, there will be a harvest. There will be a blessing from God. Why is that? Because God regards true charity as an act of faith, stemming from a heart that is resting in Him. God regards charity towards the world and towards the church as charity towards Christ Himself. Paul encourages charity with the promise, God loves a cheerful giver. And he follows that up with the promise, and God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. God promises then to bless the cheerful giver both with spiritual blessing saying his righteousness endures forever and with physical blessing having all sufficiency for all things so as to have an abundance for every good work. Care must be taken to not make this out to be an absolute rule so that, as some would say, a dollar given results necessarily in two dollars in return, or something to that effect. And that motivational factor is not what God wants either. We don't give so we get. The motivation is always worship. It's gratitude for what God has done for us. If we do it so as to get something in return, we've spoiled the gift, we've spoiled the worship. At the same time, while guarding against the prosperity gospel that is sometimes taught, we are led to depend upon the Lord in a way that sees his blessing not just in the spiritual realm. But there is a physical blessing as well.

Paul points out that it is the power of God that encourages us in this work. It is the power of God to supply us as we are involved in acts of mercy. And in fact, God says that he will cause his grace to abound so that you will have what is necessary to carry on those works of mercy. As we see those in need, our trust is in the Lord to provide what we need, so that we can, in turn, address the need that is right there in front of us. Knowing that God is able to supply our need then undergirds this ability to help without counting the cost in the greedy sense. God loves a cheerful giver. Why? Because we're resting in the God who is able - the God who is able to make all grace, to supply all sufficiency, so that we may continue the work of good things around us.

Question

1. What promise does God give in this passage?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for God's gracious promises to us.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Praise: Psalm 112B:1-3 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Thursday - 2 Corinthians 9:6-9 - Charity: God is Able (Part Two)

So what does a cheerful giver look like? The first characteristic is bountiful. It's the idea of open-handedness as opposed to miserliness. The miser is the one that clutches all things to himself and will only give out the tiniest bits. If you plant sparingly, then you reap sparingly. But on the other hand, sow generously, sow bountifully, and you will reap a bountiful harvest. This rests on the trust that we have that it is God who brings the harvest in the first place. When we count the sowing a loss and grudgingly give, we testify that our trust is in our money, our trust is in our ability to work or to plant. Instead, with this bountiful attitude in charity, we are saying, in God we trust. Of the bounty He has given me, one bounty has been the opportunity to provide for someone else in need. And so, of the bounty He has given me, I will gladly give and work to address that need that is before me.

The second characteristic that Paul gives is deliberateness. Paul says, so let each one give as he purposes in his heart. Charity deserves thorough thought and planning. It takes planning and purpose to sustain any charitable effort. It takes purposeful action that understands that as we give, God will supply.

Thirdly then, Paul says to give freely. Paul sets purposeful charity and free charity against the grudging giver or the one who gives out of necessity. Such a person clings to his wealth, willing only to give when he has to, and then he gives so as to save face or to impress someone else. In contrast to this, Paul says that Christian charity is given freely. That means it's given without expectation of return. It's given with an open hand and an open heart. It extends more than just an open hand, but also a willing spirit to help.

How much of the work of charity begins right here in our hearts. It has almost less to do with what comes out of our pockets than it does with what's in our hearts. That's because it is something that rises out of a heart that's been set free by God. It's also in our hearts where the daily battle takes place. Will you choose and purpose to trust the Lord as demonstrated in your finances, as demonstrated in your time, and so give bountifully and cheerfully?

Question

1. What are the characteristics of a cheerful giver?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would be cheerful givers.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Praise: Psalm 112B:4-5 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Friday - 2 Corinthians 9:10-15 - Charity To The Glory of God

Christian charity reaches further than the object of charity. God gets glory through Christian charity. Charity brings glory to God in the act itself. When there is obedience, when we do good out of gratitude for what God has done for us, then God is honoured. True Christian faith brings forth fruit. It brings forth the fruit of obedience to a new master, the fruit of being subject to the Lord and His law, the fruit of Christian charity. Our charity is a mark of our Christian faith. Because of that, it gives glory to God.

There is glory that God receives because charity is a cause for thanksgiving. Paul says that the saints in Jerusalem glorify God. This would be especially because they're the recipients of the charity. So it's natural that they would say thank you to God and to the Corinthians for what God had supplied. They'd experienced the deliverance that God had orchestrated through the hands of the Corinthians. They're praising God. It's an occasion for thanksgiving. And Paul and his other missionaries say, we are witnessing God's grace in you, and it's been an occasion for us to give thanksgiving to God. Also the church at large is prompted to glorify God as they see His hand in action. When we help someone else in the household of faith, the church at large is given the occasion to thank God and to glorify Him. We're given occasion to say together, look at the goodness of God to us. Look at the goodness of God through us. Praise God for what He is doing in His kingdom. He turns people's hearts to help others.

The third reason God is glorified is because the community of faith is given the occasion to be drawn closer together, closer to each other. God is honoured by such a giving that embraces those who are receiving and draws them close, so that they feel the love of God through the arms of the broader church. The church in Corinth helped the church in Jerusalem. The Jerusalem church showed their gratitude to God and to the Corinthians by praying for them. Christian charity provoked mutual love, the end result being that the unity of the church brought glory to God.

Question

1. How does charity bring glory to God?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for the way that God has provided for your needs through others.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Praise: Psalm 57 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Saturday - Deut. 14:22-29; Malachi 3:8-12 - The Tithe As A Means of Christian Charity
One means of exercising charity is through the corporate work of the church, and especially by bringing tithes and offerings to church. The word tithe simply means a tenth. In the Old Testament, the Lord commanded that a tenth of the increase, a tenth of a harvest was to be brought as an offering to the Lord. Was the tithe just for the Old Testament saints, a form of worship that was fulfilled by the coming of Christ and so set aside like the sacrifices? The Old and New Testament are a continuous story and unless shown by God's Word that a change has occurred, we assume continuity. We assume a similar command. For the tithe, we see a command of God given that is not set aside by the New Testament. Jesus does affirm the practice of tithing, but in an indirect way. He talks about how the Pharisees were scrupulous in their tithing. Jesus says you should not do just the lesser things, but the greater things as well. The New Testament also assumes that the people of God would be a charitable and giving people. Some approach the question to tithing like this. Is tithing an abiding principle? What's the best interpretation? What do I have to give? What's the bare minimum that I have to do to please God here? The theologian D.A. Carson has suggested a better question: How can I manage my affairs so that I can give more?

All things belong to God. It is very easy for us to slip into the thinking, I can't afford to give to God. It doesn't fit my budget. Those words betray a belief that the earth belongs to me. That the things that I have are mine. Tithing is an admission that all things belong to God. That He is the sovereign creator and ruler over all of the universe, and that He has set us as His church to have dominion over what belongs to Him. We are His stewards.

Tithing is an act of worship. The tithe is very clearly shown in Scripture as the worship that the people of God bring before Him. God says in Deuteronomy that by tithing, we are taught to fear the Lord. We are taught to worship Him and to proclaim what is true about God and about us.

In conclusion, I would set before you the encouragement that Malachi does - to test God and see. Test the Lord to find if He does indeed provide.

Question

1. What is a tithe?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Praise: Psalm 1B - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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