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The Collection for the Saints

First Corinthians 16:1-4 and II Corinthians 8-9 set forth Paul's inspired commands relating to the collection. The first day of the week is the designated time for such a collection. One is to give as God has prospered him. As to attitude, a willing mind (eager disposition) is to characterize every giver. Giving is a planned act, that is, it is according to a previous purpose, not a last-minute hastily-conceived matter. It is to be done cheerfully, not grudgingly, nor of necessity, but with pleasure and joy. It is a personal act ("Let each one of you"). And, it is **an act of worship** (Acts 2:42; I Corinthians 16:2; Acts 20:7).

Paul set forth principles in II Corinthians 8:16-23 to ensure that the collection would be carried out in a manner that is above suspicion. Only the most discreet and trustworthy men were selected to gather and handle the offering.

The high motives to which Paul appealed in encouraging brethren to raise the offering should be our motivation in giving beyond our power today. What should motivate us to give generously and cheerfully?

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1. **Jesus' example.** (II Corinthians 8:9, "*For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.*")

2. **We shall reap as we have sown.** (II Corinthians 9:6, "*But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.*")

3. **God's grace will care for us.** (II Corinthians 9:8, "*And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.*")

4. **Those in need will receive help and God will be thanked.** (II Corinthians 9:11-12, "¹¹*Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.* ¹²*For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God.*")

5. **God is glorified because of the giver's subjection to God in this.** (II Corinthians 9:13, "*Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men.*")

6. **Those who are helped will pray for those who have given.** (II Corinthians 9:14, "*And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.*")

Giving is compared to a farmer sowing seed. An abundant harvest is promised to the cheerful, liberal giver. (II Corinthians 9:6-11)

—Guy N. Woods

1946 *Teacher's Annual Lesson Commentary*
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"*Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*"

—Luke 6:38

News

—Hallie Davidson is in the Hart County Health Care Center in Horse Cave. Continue to remember **Mandy Hankins, Jean Coffee, Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry.**

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Being human, we often have disagreements with others. If left unattended, these disagreements can easily grow into monumental dissensions that tear family and friends asunder. The resulting feuds are often carried for generations with the original cause forgotten, but the pain lingering.

If you have outstanding arguments with others, follow the advice of Paul in Ephesians 4:26. In this passage he writes “*Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath.*” Even though there are situations and circumstances that cause anger, we are not to sin in our anger. We also have the responsibility to not let the sun go down upon our wrath.

Before you lay down to sleep tonight, call up that friend or neighbor, and offer an unconditional apology. You’ll sleep better, and so will they.

—Marty Edwards❖

“He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.”

—Proverbs 14:29❖

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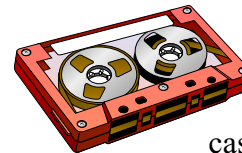
Sunday, March 1, 2009		
Classes	15	Revelation 16
Preaching	23	Luke 2:52 “March Forth”
Contribution	\$398.00	
Evening	17	Singing
Wednesday, March 4, 2009		
Classes	16	Exodus 6:1-30

Visitors— Mar 1 - AM Shari Reemer (Lexington, TN)

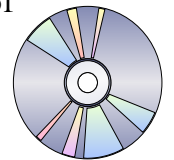
Bible Quiz

Moses said he was of what kind of lips?

Last Week’s Answer—Speech (Exodus 4:10)



—We are recording the audio of each service. If anyone is interested in a recording of any service, they are available on cassette or compact disk.



—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)