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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 ever 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.

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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?

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.*")

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—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton and Shirley Parson.**

News

Continue to remember **Terry Burd** who has cancer. He is the son of Jean Coffey and brother of Mike Burd. **Easton Ballard**, the sixth-month-old son of Taylor Quigley, has been in the hospital all week with an upper respiratory

infection. He is the grandson of Mark and Kim Quigley and great-grandson of Elaine Reynolds. The family has asked for prayers. **Sandy Duncan** and **Lillian Riffle** have both been quite sick. **Breanna Riffle** has had strep throat. **Wanda Bozarth**, the mother of Ruby Edwards, passed out and was hospitalized a couple of days from an infection.

—Tonight will be our first-Sunday singing.

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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*
via Bellview Beacon, Pensacola, FL

“*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❖

| Sunday, January 30, 2016 | | |
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| Classes | 15 | II Corinthians 8:11-24 |
| Preaching | 19 | II John 1-13 |
| Contribution | \$526.00 | |
| Evening | 15 | Psalms 119:97-112 |
| Wednesday, February 3, 2016 | | |
| Classes | 14 | Ezekiel 31:1-18 |

Bible Quiz

What is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path?

Last Week’s Answer— Star (Revelation 22:16)

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

—Psalm 119:105



—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)