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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

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins and Jean Coffey.**

—**Rachel Layne**, who attends here periodically, was in an automobile accident this past week. The vehicle overturned multiple times. She was bruised but nothing was broken and are thankful she escaped serious injury.

—Congratulations to **Elaine Reynolds** who has been promoted over the medical department at the jail. This will allow her regular daytime hours, five days a week.



The Value of Time

To realize the value of one *year*— ask a student who has failed a final exam.

To realize the value of one *month*— ask a monthly magazine who has been scooped on a major story.

To realize the value of one *week*— ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of one *hour*— ask the student who is waiting for a class to end or a mother waiting anxiously for a child to arrive home late at night.

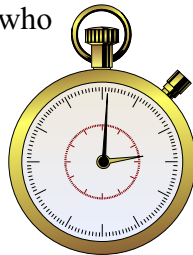
To realize the value of one *minute*— ask the person who has missed the train, bus or plane.

To realize the value of one *second*— ask a person who has survived an accident.

To realize the value of one *millisecond*— Ask the person who has come in second in the Olympics

Time— it waits for no one. Treasure every moment you have.

—adapted from Rod Hovter
via University Hills Church of Christ
Austin, Texas



Sunday, July 21, 2013		
Classes	18	Acts 6:5-7:23
Preaching	23	Revelation 22:1-21
Contribution	\$583.00	
Evening	16	Job 4:1-21
Wednesday, July 24, 2013		
Classes	17	I Samuel 8:1-22

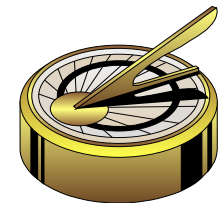
Visitors— Jul 21 (AM) Rachel Layne (Priceville, KY)
Jul 21 (PM) Molly Gerlads (Priceville, KY); Joanna Locke (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

What did John see flowing out of the throne of God and of the Lamb?

Last Week's Answer— The day he was born (Job 3:3)

**Hide not your talents,
they for use were made.
What's a sundial
in the shade?**



—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)