

HIGH-LEVEL SUGGESTED OUTLINE

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INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE COLLECTION FOR NEEDY SAINTS IN JERUSALEM (8-9)

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 - A. The example of the churches of Macedonia
 - B. Encouragement and instruction to complete their gift
 - C. Preparations and precautions for the carrying of the collection

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REVIEW – 7:11-16

- Godly sorrow leads to _____.
- Godly sorrow leads to repentance to salvation, 7:10
- Sorrow of the _____ produces death.
- World, 7:10
- True or False: Repentance is known by its fruits.
- True, v.11

REVIEW – 7:11-16

- Repentance in the Corinthians produced
 - A) Diligence
 - B) Clearing of themselves
 - C) Indignation
 - D) Fear
 - E) Vehement Desire
 - F) Zeal
 - G) Vindication
 - H) all of the above
 - H) all of the above, 7:11
- Do the above fruits of repentance apply today?
 - Yes!

REVIEW – 8:1-9

- For whom were the Macedonian churches and the church in Corinth making up a collection?
 - Needy saints, 1 Corinthians 16:1; 2 Corinthians 8:4; 9:1, 12, 13; Galatians 2:10; Romans 15:25, 26, 31
- How is the giving by the churches of Macedonia described?
 - Verses 1-5
- In what way was Christ rich, then became poor, that we through His poverty might become rich?
 - Jesus, the eternal Son of God was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone (Hebrews 2:10). He did this that we might be made righteous.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:10-15

ENCOURAGING AND INSTRUCTING THE CHURCH IN THE COLLECTION

“And in this I give advice: It is to your advantage not only to be doing what you began and were desiring to do a year ago; {11} but now you also must complete the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to desire it, so there also may be a completion out of what you have. {12} For if there is first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have. {13} For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened; {14} but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may supply their lack, that their abundance also may supply your lack—that there may be equality. {15} As it is written, ‘He who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack.’”



2 CORINTHIANS 8:16-22

MAKING READY THE COLLECTION

“But thanks be to God who puts the same earnest care for you into the heart of Titus. {17} For he not only accepted the exhortation, but being more diligent, he went to you of his own accord. {18} And we have sent with him the brother whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches, {19} and not only that, but who was also chosen by the churches to travel with us with this gift, which is administered by us to the glory of the Lord Himself and to show your ready mind, {20} avoiding this: that anyone should blame us in this lavish gift which is administered by us— {21} providing honorable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. {22} And we have sent with them our brother whom we have often proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, because of the great confidence which we have in you.”



2 CORINTHIANS 8:23-24
TRUSTWORTHY MESSENGERS TO BE RECEIVED

“If anyone inquires about Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker concerning you. Or if our brethren are inquired about, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. {24} Therefore show to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love and of our boasting on your behalf.”



2 CORINTHIANS 9:1-5

MAKE READY THE COLLECTION

“Now concerning the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you; {2} for I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority. {3} Yet I have sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this respect, that, as I said, you may be ready; {4} lest if some Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to mention you!) should be ashamed of this confident boasting. {5} Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation.”



2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-9

MAKE SURE YOUR GIVING IS THIS WAY

“But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. {7} So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. {8} And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. {9} As it is written: ‘He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.’”



2 CORINTHIANS 9:10-15

PRAISE GOD FOR THE FRUITS THIS WILL BEAR

“Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, {11} while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. {12} For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, {13} while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men, {14} and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. {15} Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”

TAKE AWAYS

- God accepts one's giving according to what he has and not according to what he does not have
- The purpose of the collection for the needy saints was not to put them in abundance nor to put the Corinthians in a state of need, but that there might be equality – equality in want, i.e. none lacking
- The handling of the church's collection should be done honorably in the sight of the Lord and men

TAKE AWAYS

- Consider what we confess when we give on the first day of the week:
 - I am sowing bountifully in this contribution I am making
 - I am giving as I have purposed in my heart; I have given this careful thought and have soberly determined what I will give
 - I freely and willingly contribute this for the work of the Lord's church
 - I gladly and cheerfully give this for the work of the Lord
 - I trust you, God, to continue to care for and provide for me even as I give this gift
 - I am giving in proportion to how I have been prospered