

2 Corinthians #20 – (Chapter 9)

I. We will Start by Looking at Verses 1 - 5

- A. Verses 1, 2- Corinth had been very quick to begin this collection
 - 1. After chapter 8- Paul says saying more is “Superfluous”
- B. Verse 3- Paul is concerned that they won’t finish what they started
 - 1. He had boasted about Corinth- and didn’t want it to be in vain
 - 2. Calls Corinth by the name of their province “Achaia”
 - a. There is at least one other church in Achaia – Romans 16:1
 - 3. By Paul sending brothers to Corinth he is forcing Corinth to act
- C. V. 4 – If Macedonians come to Corinth- Paul wants to be justified
 - 1. Word “Hupostasis” could either be “confidence” or “Substance”
- D. V. 5- Paul calls the offering a “Eulogia” – a blessing (Gen. 33:11)
 - 1. Doesn’t want it to be as a result of “covetousness” – 2 ways
 - a. From Corinthians not giving much from this- Col. 3:5
 - b. Not for them to give because Paul covets it

II. Then Let us Look at Verses 6 - 11

- A. Verse 6 gives us common Bible explanation of giving as sowing
 - 1. Probably referring to Proverbs 11:24, 25; 19:17; Luke 6:38
 - 2. Like parable of sower–willing to sow liberally on all ground (Mk 4:1-8)
 - 3. Paul encourages people by giving them results of their actions
 - a. Rewards are not always in this life – Mark 10:29, 30
- B. Paul telling them that generous person has nothing to fear
- C. V. 7 – Give cheerfully, but two ways not to give
 - 1. Not reluctantly (Out of grief) – holding on to possessions
 - 2. Not of compulsion – Not because of outward pressures
 - 3. We are to give according as we “purpose” in our “heart”
 - a. Two concepts that can almost seem to be at odds with each other
 - b. It is as “he purposes” – not according to what someone else says
 - c. Paul is saying our heart should determine the amount we give
 - 4. “God loves a cheerful giver” quotes from Prov. 22:8 in Septuagint
 - a. The sense of this is given in our version in Prov. 22:9
 - b. Opposite would be that God loathes a stingy giver (Matt. 18:23-35)
- D. V. 8- Greek word for “all” (pas) occurs in some form 5 times in verse
 - 1. God has power to see we are taken care of – Phil 4:19; Prov. 11:25
- E. V. 9 – Quote from Psalm 112:9 – (Psalm 111 and 112 parallel Psalms)
 - 1. Compare Ps. 111:3 with 112:3 and 111:4 with 112:4
- F. V. 10, 11- Paul offers up prayer for Corinthians

III. Then Let us Look at Verses 12 - 15

- A. V. 12 - Paul uses term (Litargo) for word service – spiritual service
- B. V. 13 – Gives us proper motive for giving- to glorify God
- C. V. 14 – Proper response for someone who blesses you financially
 - 1. Lift up prayers for them – I Corinthians 9:11

Conclusion: Bible speaks that we always are to remember poor

- A. Galatians 2:9, 10; Proverbs 19:17
 - 1. The Corinthians did perform this offering – Romans 15:26, 27
- B. V. 15 - Paul thanks God for His inexpressible gift – John 3:16