

SYSTEMATIC EXEGETICAL BIBLE STUDY
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Sons and Daughters; Students, and Scholars of the Holy Bible; **Grace to you!**

May I remind you again that God loves you and has incredible blessing for you.

The message that captured my heart to share with you is for you to live an abundant life for His glory. My Meditation Theme Entitled:

***DON'T MISS YOUR BLESSING
GOD HAS PREPARED!***

(II Corinthians 9:1-15-NKJV)-**LET US PRAY!**

(Verse 8), of the Text speaks:

“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” (II Corinthians 9:8-NKJV).

God does want you to prosper in all things as you follow Him on this pilgrimage to heaven. The verse assures the saints that God is the supplier of the saints needs in every respect.

The faithful stance of the saints' financial stewardship, is both a challenge and an encouragement in many respects.

God speaks to us by directing the eminent Apostle Paul to write this epistle to the Corinthian saints, as well as the saints of every age, assuring them that He will supply the generous Christian givers with enough to meet their own needs and enough to give to every good work.

Money talks we often hear people say when a person of means tries to use financial manipulation to get his or her way.

But everyone's money talks. It tells the world around us what we believe. How we give communicates the extent of our gratitude for Christ Jesus' sacrifice, His redemption, and His indwelling strength.

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(I Corinthians 9:1-15)

Three learning principles.

FIRST,

THE SAINTS' MONEY IS OUR CONCEALED PERSONALITY---

Listen to Paul's statement about his apostleship, (verse 1).

"Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?"

This is an illustration from Paul's own life of the principle of (8:13).

He did not take advantage of the rightful privileges he had as an apostle.

An apostle was a man who saw and walked Jesus personally.

After Judas sinned, the Lord choosing another apostles, they put forth two men: Justus and Matthias, and the lot fell on Matthias to take the place of Judas, (Acts 1:12-26). This chapter teaches the qualification of an apostle.

Whatever the Bible teaches is believed; Or nothing it teaches is believed! YES, the saints marching orders come from the Holy Bible only. Again, the saints money is concealed personality:

- 1) It is an extension of what we are. Today we underline the fact that money is concealed power.
- 2) Money can be used to glorify the Lord Christ or it can stunt our growth in Him.
- 3) Eventually every Christian must face the danger of money mania.
- 4) It keeps the saints from the silent strength the Lord Christ wants to give us.

SECONDLY,

THE SAINTS' GRATITUDE IS THE STETHOSCOPE THAT MONITORS---

It monitors the strength of our spiritual heart. Verse 5, reads:

"Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the others apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?"

- 1) This tells us that Peter was married (Matthew 8:14), as were other apostles and Jesus' brothers.

- 2) Verse 6, It is only Barnabas and I who must work for a living? Paul had the right to be supported---by those to whom he ministered, but he did not insist on the right (I Thessalonians 2:9).
- 3) The Law (Deuteronomy 25:4), vindicates Paul's claim.
- 4) We, the saints of God are not to give as a grudging obligation, but as a joyous cooperation with the Lord. **THIRDLY,**

GOD DELIGHTS IN THE CHEERFUL GIVING OF THE SAINTS---

- 1) Our giving emulate God's own heart.
- 2) To enable our giving, He has all power to provide abundance for good works.
- 3) The Priests were supported by the people (Numbers 18:8-24). Also study (Matthew 10:10; Luke 10:7).
- 4) These good works include introducing people to Christ Jesus, feeding the hungry, caring for the poor, and participating in projects to expand His kingdom in the world.

We pay our tithes to churches, the place where you receive spiritual help; and we give to other godly ministries involved in these good works. And the exciting thing is that the Lord provides beyond this for giving to special challenges to meet the needs of people.

Indeed money talks.

- 1) Sometimes it's message is about the false security we've placed in it. -
- 2) But it can also say that we've decided not to miss the blessing of blessing others.

There is a song that fits our thinking often when we abandon the Word of the Lord, and are tempted to rob God, and do things our own way:

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus, Look full in His Wonderful Face, and the things of this earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory grace!"

YES, Money talks, but what does yours say about you and your faith? AMEN.

Until He Comes, I Am

Serving Christ Joyfully,

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