

Morning Lesson

HOW BIG ARE MY CORNERS?

Lev. 23:22

INTRO:

1. Under the Law of Moses, Israelites were instructed to leave grain in the corner of their fields for the poor and strangers.
2. What motives are there for us to give to God?

I. WE OUGHT TO GIVE LIBERALLY BECAUSE...

II. ... GIVING IS A GRACE.

- A. Paul says the Macedonians' giving is the "grace of God."
2 Cor. 8:1; 2 Cor. 8:6, 7, 19; 9:14
- B. Giving is a grace in that it is a gift from God.
- C. Or God exhibits his grace through our giving. **2 Cor. 9:11-14**

III. ... OF THE EXAMPLE OF THE MACEDONIANS.

- A. They gave out of deep poverty. **2 Cor. 8:2-4 (Luke 21:1-4)**
- B. They gave liberally. **2 Cor. 8:2, 3; Matt. 2; John 12:1-8; Rom. 12:8**
- C. They gave freely, willingly. **2 Cor. 8:3b-5**
- D. They first gave themselves. **2 Cor. 8:5**
- E. He concludes this appeal in **2 Cor. 8:7**.

IV. ... OF OUR LOVE FOR THE LORD.

- A. Proof of our love. **2 Cor. 8:8, 24**
- B. Why should we love Jesus enough to give to him? **2 Cor. 8:9**
- C. When I give, I am saying "I love God this much."

V. ... OUR GIVING WILL BE ADMINISTERED HONESTLY.

- A. Paul takes care to ensure that the collection will be handled honestly. **2 Cor. 8:16 - 9:5**
- B. Church leaders today should be careful to do all things honorably in the sight of God and men. **2 Cor. 8:21**

VI. ... OF THE GOOD WE DO THROUGH OUR GIVING.

- A. Good for us. **2 Cor. 9:6-11**
- B. Good for others. **2 Cor. 9:12-14**
- C. Good for God. **2 Cor. 9:11-13**
- D. Good for the brotherhood

VII. GOD ENCOURAGES US TO GIVE BECAUSE OF WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR US. **2 Cor. 9:15; Rom. 5:8; John 3:16**

CONC:

1. Have I given myself?
2. The giving of money, and everything else, becomes an expression of thanksgiving for what God has done for us.