

Message Based Discussion

2 Corinthians 8:8-15

For Richer, For Poorer
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Reading: Titus 2:11-15

What did you like about this message?

What did you find hard to accept or understand?

What does this message teach you about people?

What does this message teach us about God? What does it teach about Jesus?

What will you do now? Based on this message, how will your life change?

How specifically are you going to live out today's lesson?

Who will you tell? With whom will you have a conversation about this message?

The Call to Christian Discipleship

Paul mentions a couple concepts that are related. He speaks of a "readiness", a "desire", and an "earnestness". These words can invoke a sense of internal longing. Paul uses these words specifically in regards to giving of financial resources. In what other ways can these concepts spur on our spiritual maturity?

The Call to Missional Living

In verses 13 and 14 Paul paints a picture of what it means to be a part of the family of God. We, as a family, get to share each others burdens as well as take a share in each others abundance. Paul is interested in equity. Without suggesting that someone should not learn a strong work ethic, how do we as the body of Christ demonstrate this truth to the world around us here in Indy?

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1. Why didn't Paul command the offering? (vs. 8-9)

- Earnestness equates with love (8)

- Christ is our example (9)

- Circumstantial giving?

2. How, then, should we give? (vs. 10-14)

- $\theta\epsilon\lambda\omega$ (thelo) = desire (10-11)

- Take stock/inventory (12)

- Out of equity (13-14)

3. What, then, of stewardship? (vs. 15)

- Hoarding helps no one

- Laziness is lame

- Try trusting God