

EDiBS Study Guide – 2 Corinthians 8:5 - 24

2 Corinthians 8:5-7

1. What was the foundation of the Macedonians' commitment to giving?
2. What obstacles do we have as we try to excel in the grace of giving?

8:8-12

1. When the Apostle Paul writes, "I am not commanding you..." what trait of Christian giving is he emphasizing?
2. How was the Apostle Paul "testing" the giving of the Corinthians?

8:13-15

1. How does a "God economy" work in our lives as God's people? That is, what truth is the foundation of how we use our resources as Christians?
2. When the Apostle writes in verse 14: "Your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need; then there will be equality" – does this passage support socialistic, communistic world views? How does the quote in verse 15 from the Old Testament help clarify?

8:16-21

1. How does the Apostle Paul describe Titus?
2. What "criticism" do you think the Apostle was trying to avoid in the way the offering for the church in Jerusalem was being handled?

8:22-24

1. The Apostle Paul's first concern was that the offering for the church in Jerusalem was collected with integrity. What was his next concern?
2. How was the Apostle making extra effort to ensure that the offering was delivered with integrity and without criticism?

