

Financing the Church
2 Corinthians 8–9

☞ Local church finances are supplied by church members' _____ - _____
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1. The situation in Corinth regarding giving

- 1) The Corinthian church was the _____ to commit money to help poverty-stricken Christians in Jerusalem, 8:10; 9:2
- 2) They got _____ from their commitment, 8:8-11; 9:5
- 3) Paul encouraged them to _____ their commitment, 8:1-9
- 4) Outline:
 - An _____ of giving, 8:1-5
 - Exhortation to _____ in giving, 8:6-15
 - Be ready to give, 8:16-9:5
 - Results of gracious giving, 9:6-15
 - (1) Increased _____ to the giver, 6-11
 - (2) Increased _____ to the Lord, 12-15

2. Principles of Christian giving

- 1) The church is financed by the church, not _____, 3 John 5-7
- 2) Under Christ's Headship, a local church has the sole authority to _____ its finances.
- 3) Giving supports and expresses thankfulness for _____, 1 Cor 9:7-14; Gal 6:6; 1 Tim 5:17-18

- 4) Giving must be done regularly, when the church meets on _____, 1 Cor 16:2
- 5) _____ and prepare your giving, 1 Cor 16:2 "*let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper*"
- 6) All Christians have a _____ to give, Rom 16:25-27; 2 Cor 8:7
- 7) Giving does not _____ on your financial circumstances, 8:2
- 8) You must first give _____ to the Lord, 8:5
- 9) Have an attitude of _____, not resentment or reluctance, 8:2; 9:7
- 10) View giving as your _____, 8:4; 9:1
- 11) Christian giving is motivated by and expresses your _____ for the Lord and his people, 8:7–9; 9:7
- 12) Giving should be _____ to income, 8:3, 12–15; 1 Cor 16:2
- 13) Trust God for _____, 9:8–11
- 14) Giving results in _____ to God, 9:12–15