

## Deeper Life Notes

*Called Out - "Benevolent Giving"*

1 Corinthians 16:1-4, Pastor Dan Osborn: August 19, 2018



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### LAST WEEK

Clarity, caution, confidence the motivations for perseverance as we reflect on the resurrection.

Describe poverty in 1st Century:

Describe poverty in 21st century:

### READ

1 Corinthians 16:1-4 Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. 2 On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come. 3 And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. 4 If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me. (ESV)

2 Corinthians 8:1-7 We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, 2 for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. 3 For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, 4 begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— 5 and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. 6 Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. 7 But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

Romans 15:25-26 At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints. 26 For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem.

Acts 24:17 Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and to present offerings.

What is the story line of benevolent giving from the scriptures above?

The believer's response to the needs of the poor is - *In what ways will I help by giving to the poor?*

### Four Principles for Benevolent Giving

1. Give \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup>, "Each of you" v.2

#### *Application*

Engage in personal giving

### STUDY

Galatians 2:10; 2 Corinthians 9:7

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<sup>1</sup> personally

2. Give \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> & \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup>, “Each of you” v.2

*Application*

Make a personal or family plan

Give periodically “first day of every week” v. 2

Scriptures to help us plan: James 1:5; Proverbs 3:5-6

Give premeditatedly: v. 2 “put something aside and store it up”

- o Set aside(Titheymi)= to place, lay, give, lay a foundation 1 Corinthians 3:11
- o Accountability: Deuteronomy 23:21
- o Caution: Parable of the rich fool: Luke 12:21
- o Clarity: Luke 6:38 give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

3. Give \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> & \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup>, “as he may prosper” v.2

*Application*

Give of personal means & by prayerful choices

**DISCUSS**

C.S. Lewis “I’m afraid biblical charity is more than merely giving away that which we could afford to do without anyway.”

**STUDY**

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 16:17; Genesis 14:20; 2 Corinthians 12:14; Malachi 3

Word: Thasaurizo = To amass or reserve, lay up, keep, heap treasure

**DISCUSS**

One of the miracles of Christianity is that we can exchange the capital of this world for the currency of heaven.” Origin (185-254)

**QUESTION**

Who will welcome you as a friend in heaven because you used the money God entrusted to you, to meet physical, emotional, and spiritual needs?

3. Give \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup>, “whom you accredit by letter” v.3-4

*Application*

Have Practical Accountability

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<sup>2</sup> periodically

<sup>3</sup> premeditatedly

<sup>4</sup> privately

<sup>5</sup> proportionately

<sup>6</sup> wisely