

**Coming Back from the Pew**  
**2 Corinthians 8:1-15, Pew Bible p. 967**  
**October 30, 2022**

**I. God's Grace Leads to Generous Giving (V. 1-7)**

**A. Example of the Macedonian Churches**

1. We can give generously no matter how difficult our circumstances.

a. Giving should be proportionate.

b. Giving should be sacrificial. (Mark 12:41-44)

c. Giving should be willing.

**B. "Generous giving follows personal dedication." - MacArthur Bible Commentary**

1. First to the Lord

2. Second to leaders

3. It's an act of grace.

**II. Example of Christ (V. 8-9)**

**A. Jesus is God. (John 1:1-4; Isaiah 44:24)**

**B. Jesus humbled Himself. (Philippians 2:5-11)**

**III. Good Intentions Must Be Acted Upon (V. 10-15)**

**A. Giving shows we are genuine.**

**B. Giving meets the needs of others.**

## **Group Discussion Questions**

1. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15.
2. Do you find it difficult to give your offering to church when circumstances are difficult?
3. What does Paul mean by “Act of Grace”?
4. How does dedication to the Lord lead to generous giving?
5. Have you ever given sacrificially?
6. Do we become rich by Christ’s Poverty?
7. How often do you have good intentions?
8. Pray for our church members to have a godly culture of action and giving. Consider attending the online church prayer meeting every Sunday at 7 pm. Register on the church website at [www.apollobaptist.org](http://www.apollobaptist.org). (NOTE: There will be NO Zoom Prayer Meeting tonight due to this afternoon’s Church Planning Meeting.)

## **Church Bible Reading Plan**

1 Kings 4-6

October Memory Verse: Numbers 24:13

November Memory Verses: 2 Kings 2:1-3

**1 Thessalonians 5:9-11**

*<sup>9</sup> For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.*

**BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:**

If you have not done so already, please register on the [www.apollobaptist.org](http://www.apollobaptist.org) home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. Register with your name and email address. This registration will last through 12/25/2022. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

**Sunday Night Prayer Meeting (NO MEETING tonight due to Church Planning Meeting this afternoon):**

- PRAY for a recent evangelism event and follow up with people in the community who responded

**Pray for Our Church Family Needs:**

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:  
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Arizona
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus  
Marge D. – Salvation for son, Matthew
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:  
Sherri O. (uncle); Barbara K. (husband); Elaine D. (sister); Gary & Betty B. (brother-in-law); Family of Wayne & Twila D.; and Larry & Brenda D. (his sister)
- Those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:  
Michelle L. (health issues); Leon V. (chemo); Ken & Darlene R. (health issues); John E. (eyelid cancer/kidney issues); Debbie B. (chemo); Ann C.-W. (health issues); Mary R. (transplant recovery); Jim M. (recovery from arm injury & surgery); Laura M. (undiagnosed health issue); Jenny P. (childbirth soon); Stan & Twyla H. (health and other issues); Michelle LaM. (stroke recovery); and Debbie P. (health issues)
- Others that you are aware of