

**Coming Back from the Pew (Part II)**  
**2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5, Pew Bible p. 968**  
**November 6, 2022**

**I. The Method of the Offering (8:16-24)**

A. Loving church members:

1. Not just watching from the pew but worshiping from the pew
2. Not just declaring love but proving love

B. Loving leaders:

1. Not just available but willing
2. Not just capable but appointed
3. Not just good but accountable
4. Not just able but tested
5. Not just blessed but a blessing

**II. Reason for the Offering (9:1-5)**

A. Loving church members:

1. Not just agreeing but ready
2. Not just able but willing

B. Loving leaders:

1. Not just knowing but leading

## **Group Discussion Questions**

1. Read 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5.
2. Why do you think the early church placed such an emphasis on financial accountability, as verses 8:20-21 say? Is it that important today? Why?
3. What are some ways the church today can be financially accountable?
4. Have you ever seen a Christian today be honorable both to God and the world, as 8:21 commands? What did that look like? Have you ever seen a Christian be dishonorable in the sight of man? What did that look like? What does honor and dishonor do for Christian witness?
5. What is the difference between declaring love and proving love, as the Corinthians were commanded to do in 8:24?
6. Have you ever been inspired to give money because of someone else's giving? How can Christians today inspire one another to give, as the Corinthians did in 9:2?
7. What is the difference in giving grudgingly and giving willingly, as 9:5 commands? Why do you think the Lord desires the latter so much more?
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).

## **Church Bible Reading Plan**

1 Kings 7-9

November Memory Verses: 1 Kings 2:1-3

**Mark 1:14-15**

*<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."*

**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:**

- 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); Debbie P. (health issues); and Michelle LaM. (stroke recovery & upcoming testing)
- Others that you are aware of