

TITLE | The One Who Pleases God

SERIES | Beyond Our Strength

TEXT | 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:15

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BIG IDEA:

SERMON NOTES

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For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read 2 Corinthians 8:16-24. Paul assures the Corinthians that the Jerusalem relief fund will be overseen by several honorable, trustworthy individuals they know. Why is this important?

Tuesday:

Read 2 Corinthians 9:1-5. Paul encourages the Corinthians to get the relief fund ready to be delivered to the brothers in Jerusalem. Paul's directness may make some feel uncomfortable today. Why do you think giving is a sensitive topic for some in the church today?

Wednesday:

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. From this text, what are the benefits of giving done in the right way for the right reasons?

Thursday:

From 2 Corinthians 9:7, what are your responsibilities as a potential giver? What kind of giving is to be avoided? In what way does God love a cheerful giver?

Friday:

From 2 Corinthians 9:7, what should be our motivation for giving? How can you apply this to your life today?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, thank you that you have not burdened me with a requirement to give; rather, you have blessed me with the privilege. Help me to give cheerfully, knowing that you take pleasure in a cheerful giver. Amen.