



Always Abounding in Stewardship

Lesson 2 • 1 Corinthians 16:1-9

Measure Yourself by the Marks of Always Abounding in the Work of the Lord

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord."

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1. Always Abound in _____.

"Now concerning the collection for the saints...On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper..." 1 Corinthians 16:1-4

- There are many _____ to always abound in giving in the Bible.
 - 1) Giving to honor the Lord on the first day of the week as an act of worship – a tithe of 10% is the biblical pattern. *Proverbs 3:9-10; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Genesis 14:18-20; Deuteronomy 14:22-24; Malachi 3:10; Matthew 22:23*
 - 2) Giving to support our pastors and teachers as well as others who serve the church. *1 Corinthians 9:11-14; 1 Timothy 5:9-18; Galatians 6:6-10*
 - 3) Giving to support missionaries and the furtherance of the gospel to the unreached. *3 John 5-8*
 - 4) Giving to meet the relief needs of the saints in times of crisis and catastrophe. *1 Corinthians 16:1-4; Acts 11:27-30; Romans 15:25-27*
 - 5) Giving to others out of love due to fellowship and outreach. *Romans 12:8; Titus 3:14*

- There are many _____ for always abounding in giving in Paul's letters to the Corinthians.

"But as you abound in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love to us – see that you abound in this grace also." 2 Corinthians 8:7

 - 1) Give as an act of _____ in submission to the lordship of your risen Lord. (vv. 1-2a)
 - 2) Give in a _____ manner. (v. 2)
 - 3) Give using a _____. (v. 2b)
 - 4) Give according to God's _____. (2 Corinthians 8:1-9)
 - 5) Give _____, not grudgingly. (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)
 - 6) Give through the _____ with integrity and accountability. (vv. 3-4)
 - 7) Give _____ for God's glory. (2 Corinthians 9:12-15)

2. Always Abound in _____.

"But I will come to you after I go through Macedonia...and perhaps I will stay with you, or even spend the winter, so that you may send me on my way wherever I may go. For I do not wish to see you now just in passing; for I hope to remain with you for some time, if the Lord permits." 1 Corinthians 16:5-7

➤ Hospitality is always _____ to furthering the gospel and fulfilling the Great Commission!

➤ Hospitality is the result of an _____ to God and others that results in an open home:

The Open Heart that Is Always Abounding in Hospitality

- 1) A _____ heart: *See that they lack nothing. (Titus 3:13-14)*
- 2) A _____ heart: *Be passionate in the work of hospitality. (Titus 3:13)*
- 3) A _____ heart: *Treat them in a manner worthy of God. (3 John 6)*
- 4) A _____ heart: *Always do it out of love for God and others. (1 Cor 13:3; 3 John 5-8; 1 Peter 4:7-11)*
- 5) A _____ heart: *Hosting like this makes us co-workers with the Truth. (3 John 8)*
- 6) A _____ heart: *Do it to send them forward on their mission.*
- 7) A _____ heart: *Do it all for the glory of God. (1 Peter 4:9-11; 1 Cor 10:31)*

Hospitality always has one goal that sets it apart from merely entertaining people:
Send them forward on their mission in manner worthy of God to the glory of God!

NEXT WEEK: Always Abounding in the Stewardship of Sharing the Gospel