

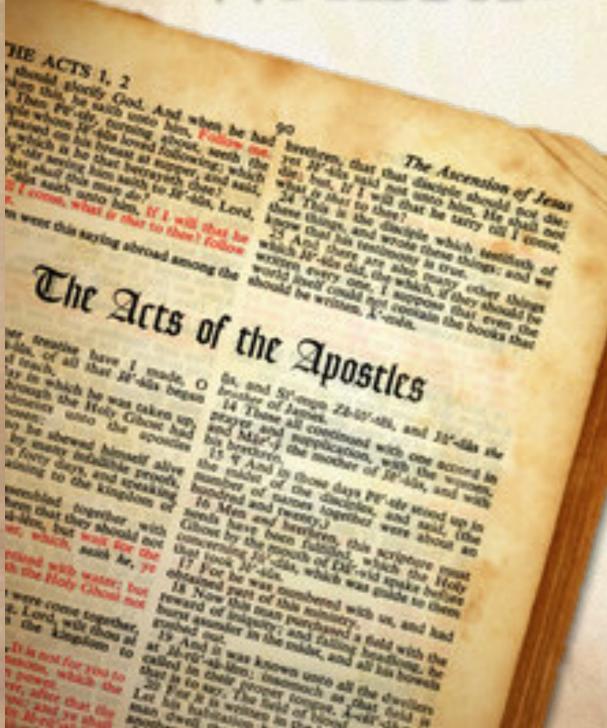
The Principle of Submission

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The NT Pattern

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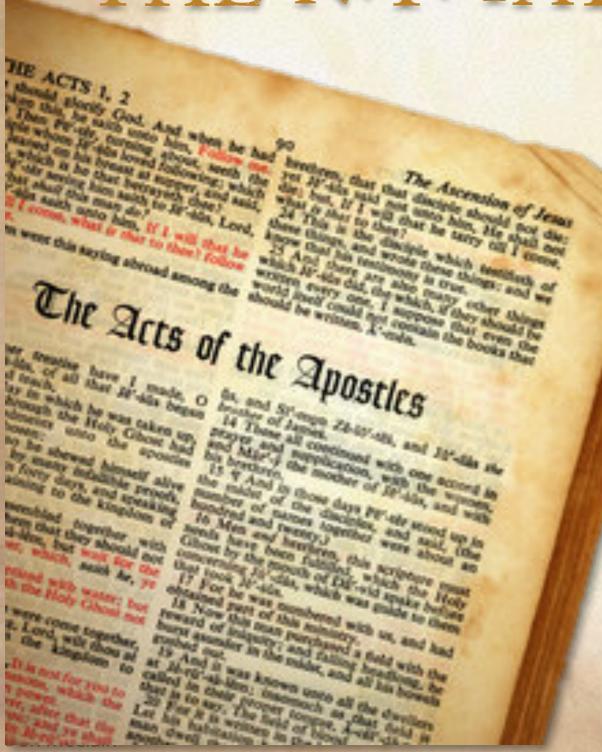
## WALKING BY FAITH



- ◆ Only Two Possible Sources For All We Believe, Teach &
   ▶ Practice - Heaven? or Men? -Mat 21:25-26
- ◆ God's SILENCE MUST Be Respected - (Faith comes by what God says, not by what He hasn't said) - Rom 10:17
- → Walking by faith means walking by what God has said 2 Cor.
  5:7; 1 Cor. 4:6; Gal. 1:6-9

THEREFORE, JUST AS THE CHURCH IS SUBJECT TO CHRIST,... EPH 5:24

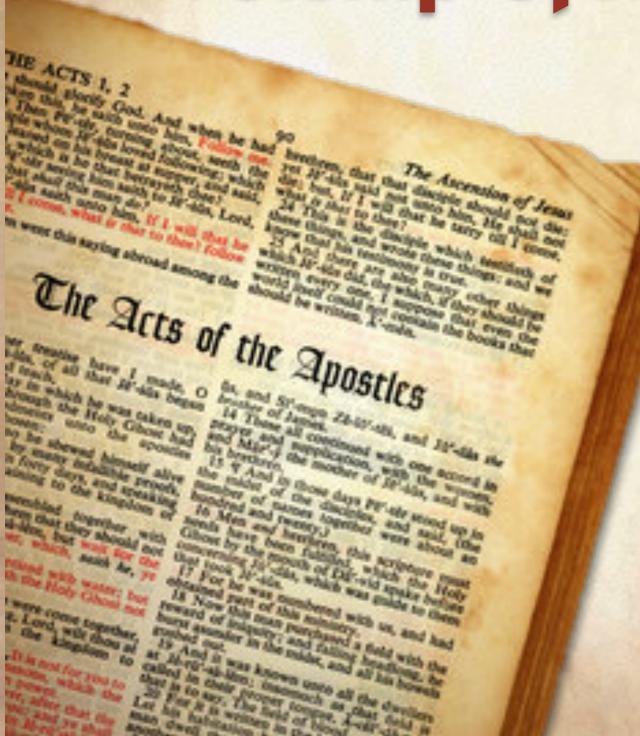
### THE N.T. PATTERN FOR THE



- ORGANIZATION OF A LOCAL CHURCH
  - \* Christ the head
  - \* Elders (bishops, pastors)
  - \* Deacons to serve
  - \* Evangelist, teachers & saints
- WORSHIP OF A LOCAL CHURCH
  - \* The Lord's Supper
  - \* Giving To The Lord's Work

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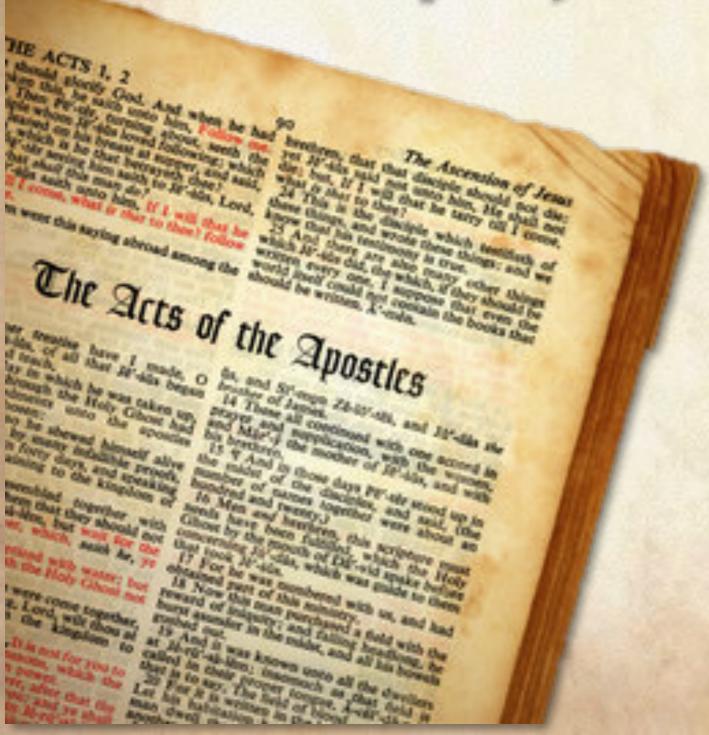
# Worship of A Local Church



- ◆ It is important "HOW" we worship!
- ◆ There are MANY different ways to engage in "FALSE" worship!
- ◆ The "PURPOSE" of worship is to honor & glorify God The ONLY way to honor & glorify God in our worship is to worship AS HE SAYS!

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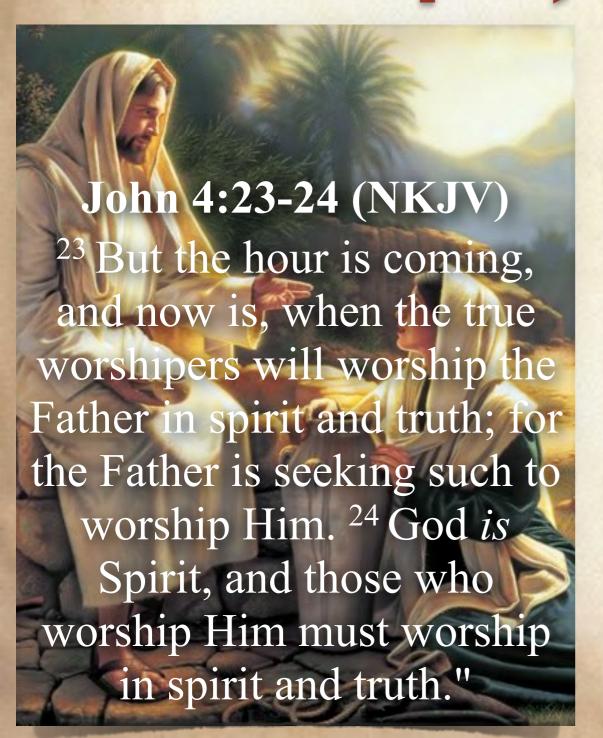
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Compile all references to the subject including direct statements, approved actions, and necessary implications.

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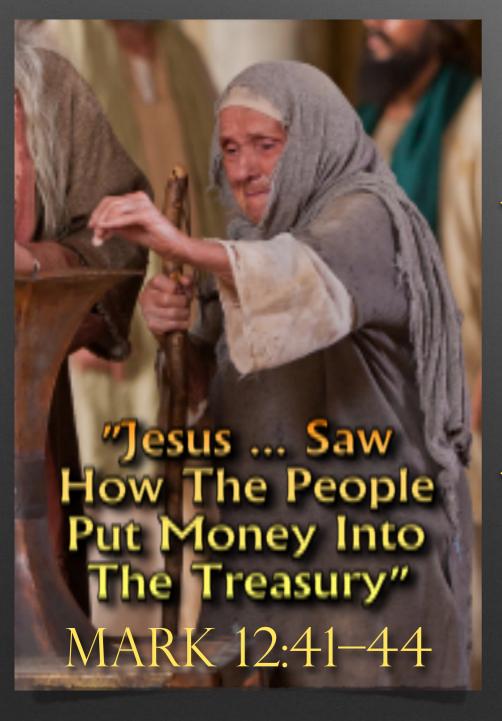
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- ◆ God has always ONLY accepted worship from those who offered it from their heart (in spirit) and in accordance with His Law (& truth).
- ◆ Ordinances of the OT were until "the time of reformation" (He 9:9-10), i.e., the NT.
- ♦ NT worship is more in keeping with the nature of God & relates more to the spiritual side of man.

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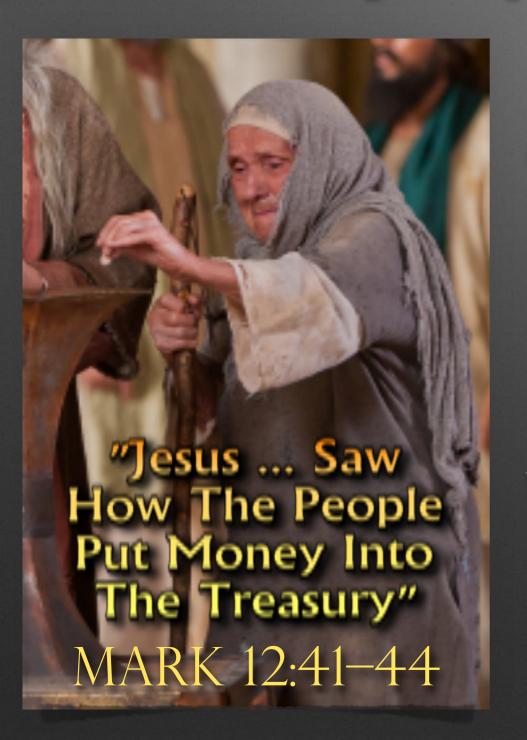


# DO WE GIVE TO THE LORD HOW & WHAT WE SHOULD?

- ♦ We are stewards of God our blessings are to be used in service to Him & bearing fruit in the Kingdom (1 Pet 4:10)
- ◆ The manner, amount, and quality of what we give to the Lord, manifest our love and respect, (honor) for Him, - (Mal 1:6; Prov. 3:9)

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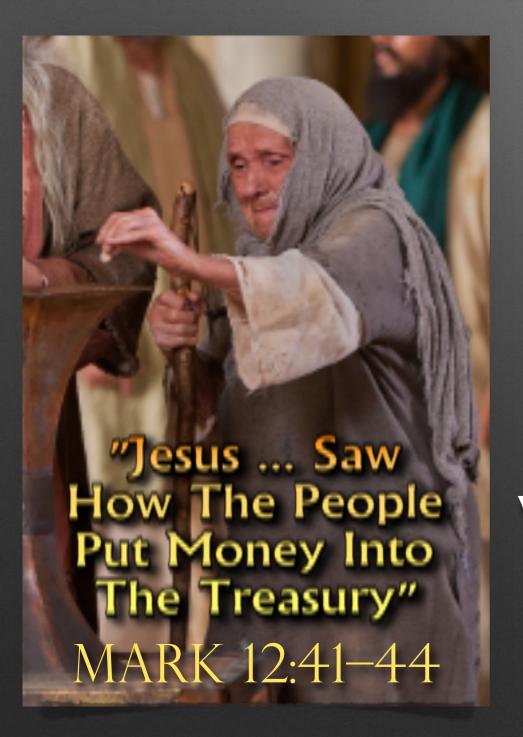


#### MALACHI 1:6 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> "A son honors his father, And a servant his master. If then I am the Father, Where is My honor? And if I am a Master, Where is My reverence? Says the Lord of hosts To you priests who despise My name. Yet you say, 'In what way have we despised Your name?'

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PROVERBS 3:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase;

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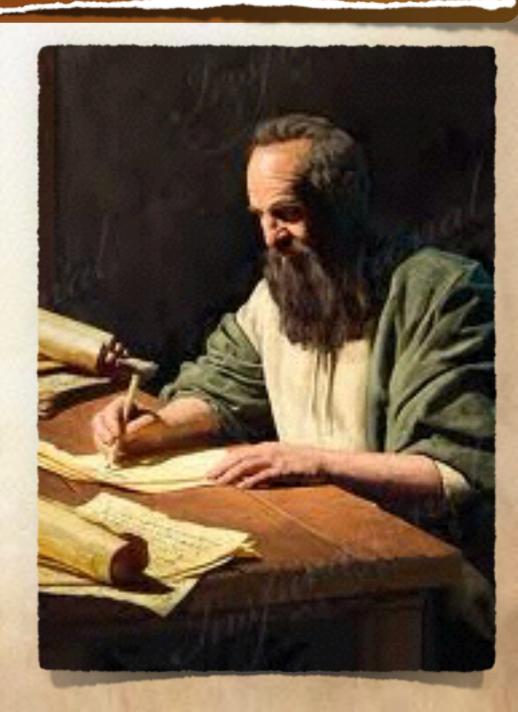
# 1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-3 (NKJV)

1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: <sup>2</sup> On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come. <sup>3</sup> And when I come, whomever you approve by your letters I will send to bear your gift to Jerusalem.

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-3 - THE BACKGROUND

I HAVE GIVEN ORDERS TO THE CHURCHES OF GALATIA, SO YOU MUST DO ALSO:

◆ Paul gives instructions to the church at Corinth, (& the churches of Galatia) to help the poor among the saints at Jerusalem (cf. Romans 15:24-25; 2 Cor 8-9; Acts 24:17).

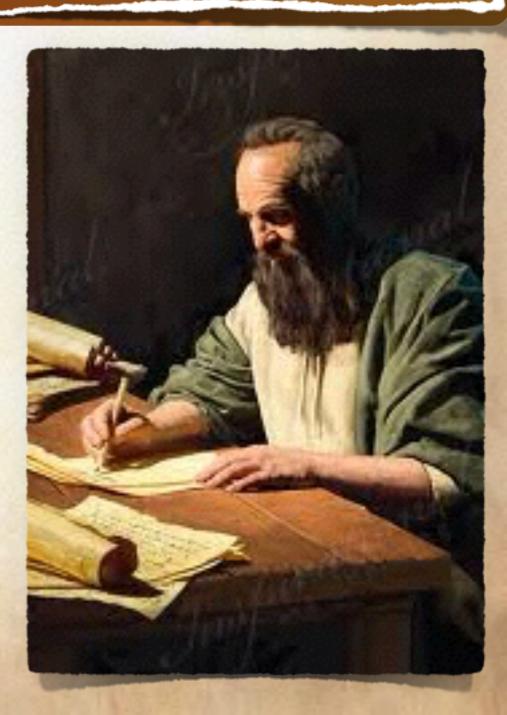


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### A COMMAND - A PATTERN

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- ★ The instruction conveyed is in the form of a "command" [not optional suggestions].
  ("order," ASV; diatasso—16 times in NT). thus a pattern for the implementation of sacred duty specifically the duty of collective benevolence.
- ◆ Supporting the cause of God in its various needs is unquestionably a sacred obligation The general procedure for carrying out financial obligations is prescribed.

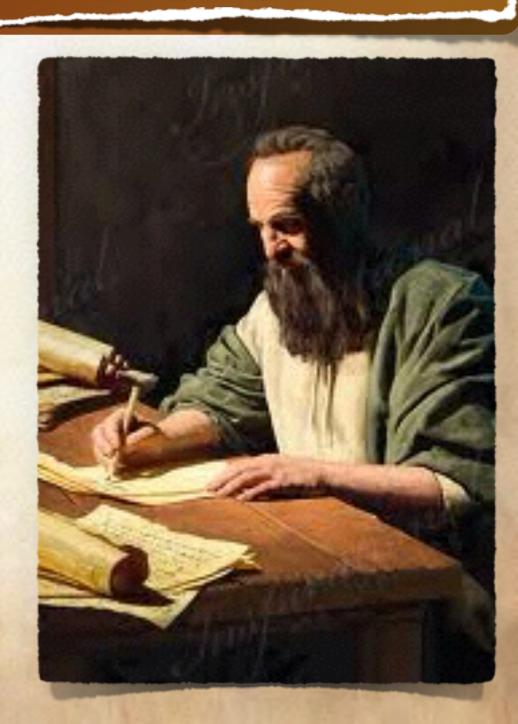


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Professor Hodge of Princeton Theological Seminary once observed: This ["order"] is the language of authority. For although these contributions were voluntary, and were required to be made cheerfully, 2 Corinthians 9:7, yet they were a duty, and therefore both the collection itself, and the mode in which it should be accomplished, were proper subjects for apostolic direction (362).

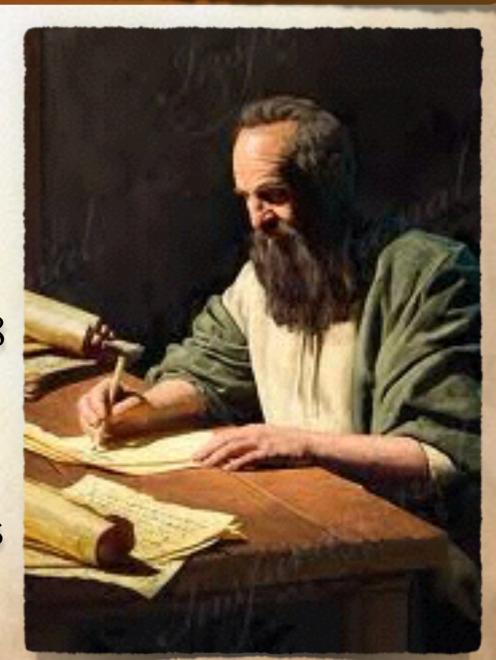


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I HAVE GIVEN ORDERS TO THE CHURCHES OF GALATIA, SO YOU MUST DO ALSO:

- Addressing our needs
  - \* Benevolence 2 Cor 8,9
  - \* Evangelism 2 Cor 11:8,9; Phili 4:10-18
  - \* Edification 1 Thes 5:11
- ★ Thought question: How much money is needed by a church that is doing little or no work??

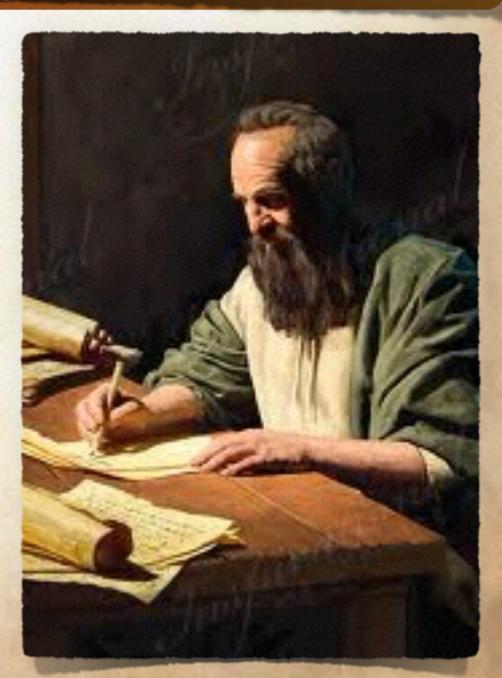


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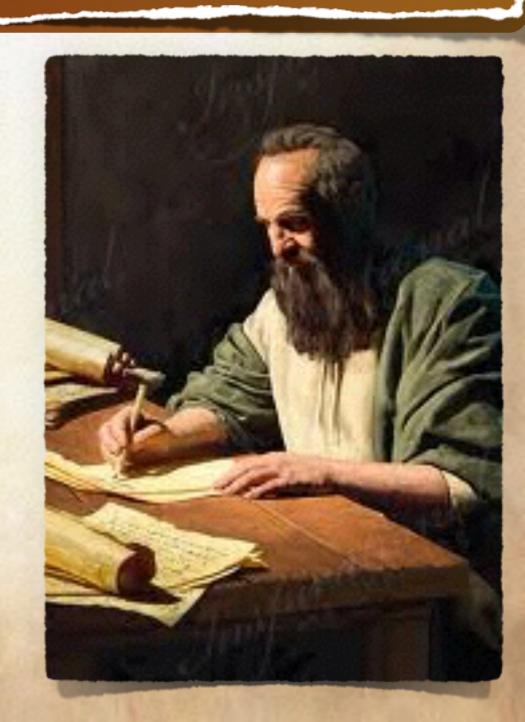


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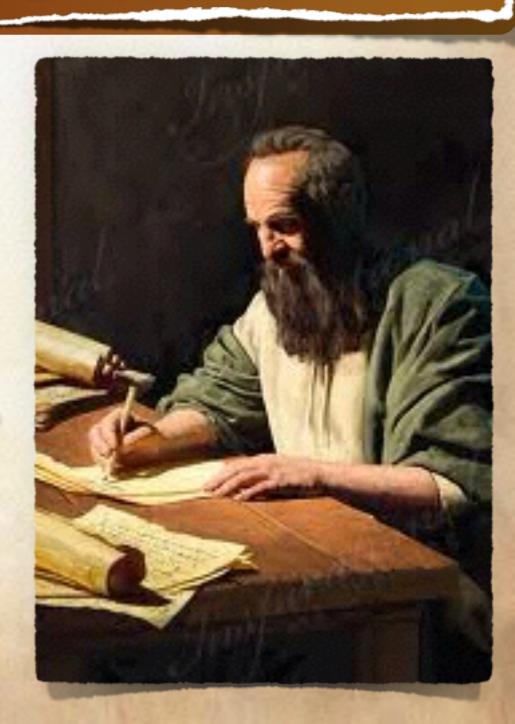


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#### THE QUESTION OF WHO?

<sup>2</sup> . . . LET EACH ONE OF YOU LAY SOMETHING ASIDE

- Individually "Each one" means "every one" who has income—rich or poor, young or old, male or female. -
- ★ Those who give the MOST, can be those who give the least (Mk 12:43,44)
  - \* The rich gave of their abundance -
  - The poor of their poverty 2 Cor 8:1-3; Mk 12:43,44

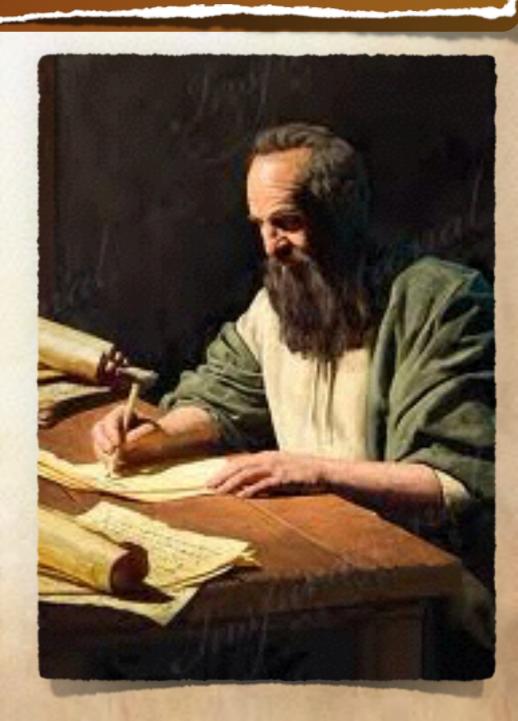


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<sup>2</sup> . . . STORING UP AS HE MAY PROSPER, THAT THERE BE NO COLLECTIONS WHEN I COME.

- ◆ This portion is the most controversial.
  - \* Is the Christian obligated to contribute into the "treasury" of the local church? What does the phrase "lay by him in store" mean?
  - \* Some suggest the expression (par heatou) lay something aside," (NKJV), or "put aside and save (ASV)" is commonly assumed to suggest, "save up at home."

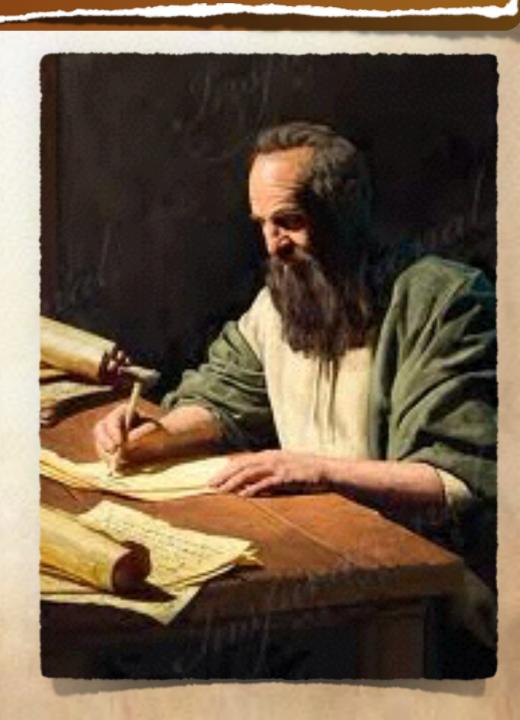


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  - \* This speculation is quite contrary to the explicit testimony of the passage, these Christians (& those in Galatia) were to give "every first day of the week."
  - \* Moreover, common sense dictates that the monies collected had to be deposited somewhere if there were to be "no collections when Paul arrived.

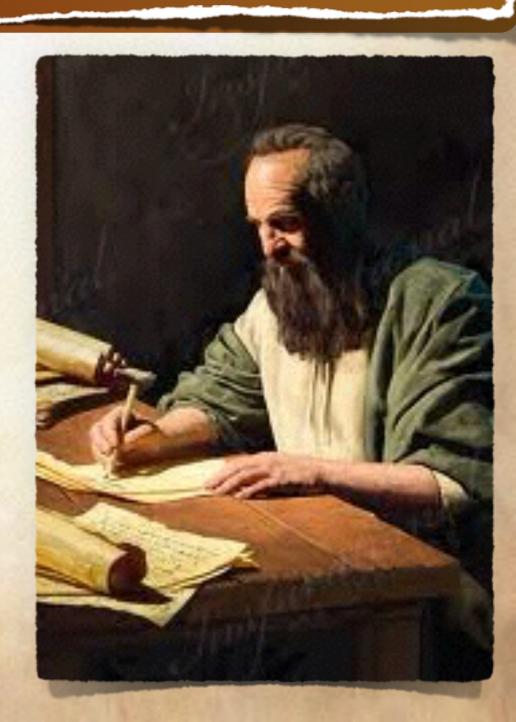


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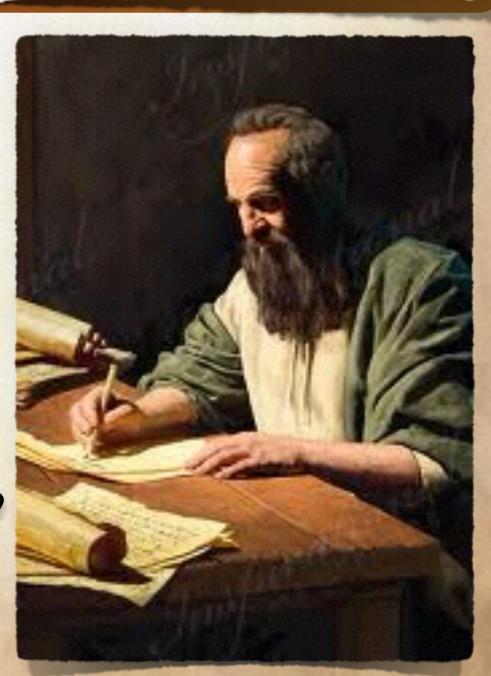
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  - The phrase "in store" derives from thesaurizon—an imperative mood (a command), present tense (repetitious action), participle. The verbal action depicts consistently depositing something in a "treasury" (thesaurus). Each Christian has an obligation to help sustain the local church treasury.



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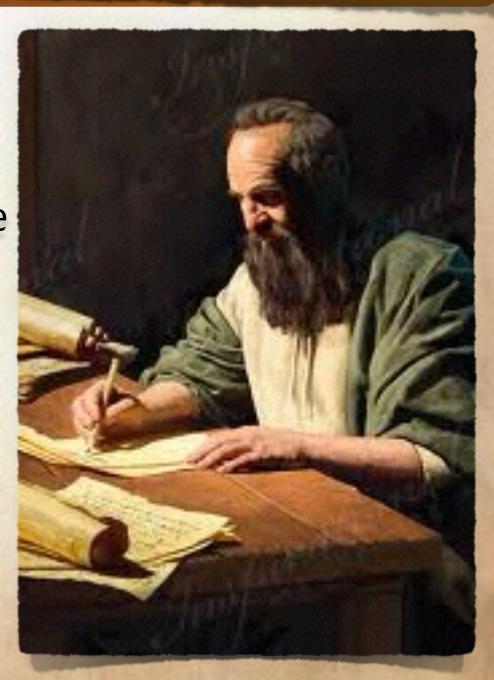
- "as he may prosper" is one word in Greek (euodotai)
  - Meaning, to whatever degree he "is prospered" by God, week-by-week, he must contribute a portion to the Lord's work "according to his ability" (Acts 11:29)
  - Involves sacrifice (2 Cor 8:3-5; Mark 12:41-44).



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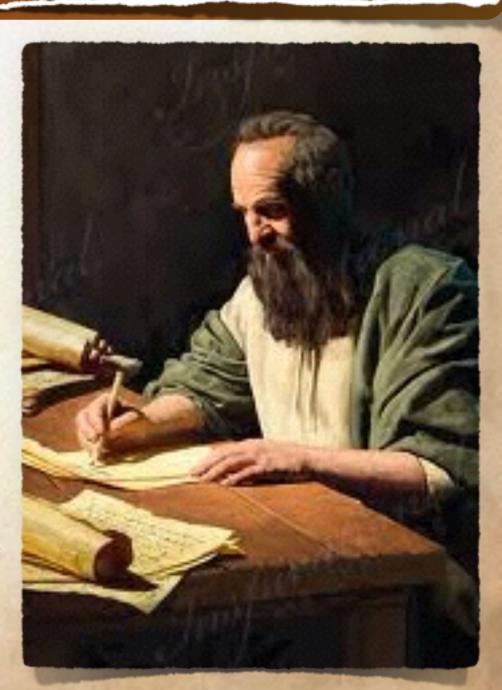
- ◆ The NT does not set a percentage (like the "tithe", in the OT),
- The NT instructs us to give according to the following principles:
  - \* "As we may prosper" 1 Co 16:2
  - "Love" and "liberality." 2 Co 8:2-8
  - \* According to what we have 2 Co 8:12
  - What can given "cheerfully" 2 Co 9:7



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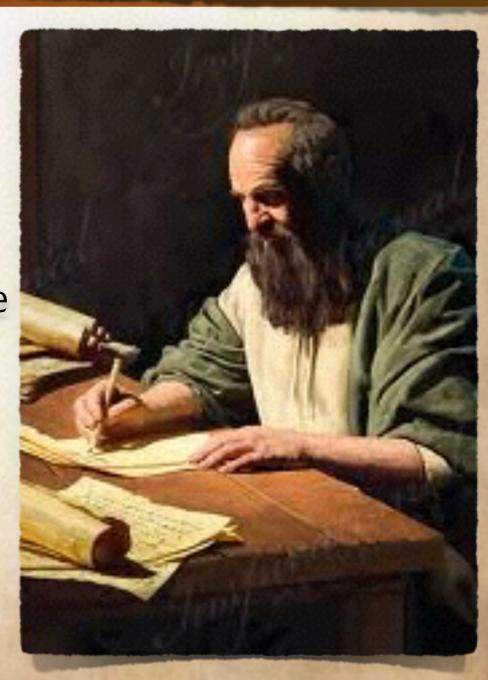
- The more one is prospered, the more he should give; the less he prospers, less is required. - "to whomsoever much is given, of him much shall be required" (Luke 12:48b).
- While we do not live under the OT economy, principles can be established the tithe was required, but was not all that was required, - (Leviticus 27:30-32; Malachi 3:10)



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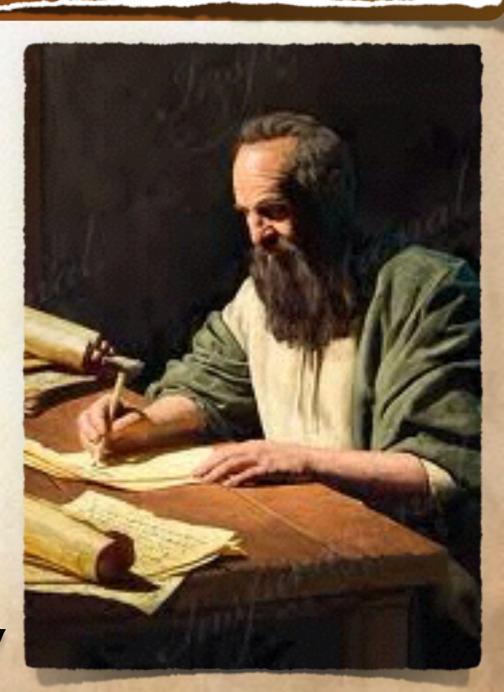
- "The Higher Ideal" how could a conscientious Bible student ever come to the conclusion that we may sacrifice less than the ancient patriarchs, or the nation of Israel?
- We must give consistently, generously, and joyfully (2 Corinthians 9:7).
- ★ Acceptable giving is not determined by amount but by the sacrifice To what extent have we given ourselves to the Lord 2 Cor 8:5



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# THE QUESTION OF HOW MUCH?

- According to ability 2 Co 8:3
- Willingly 2 Co 8:12; 9:2
- Zealously 2 Co 9:2
- Generously 2 Co 9:5
- Bountifully 2 Co 9:6
- "As purposed in their heart" 2 Co 9:7



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NOT GRUDGINGLY - 2 CO 9:7 NOT OF NECESSITY: - 2 CO 9:7

> WERE TO GIVE CHEERFULLY - 2 CO 9:7 WITH THANKSGIVING - 2 CO 9:11 LIBERALLY - SHARING - 2:CO 9:13

ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK - 1 CO 16:1-4

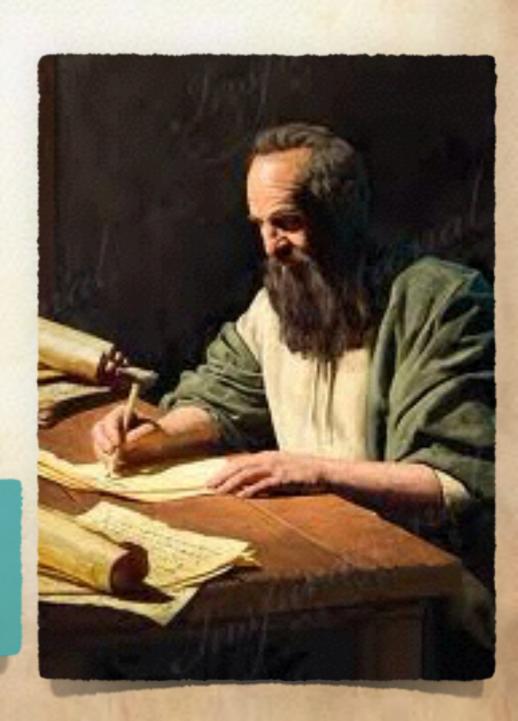
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INVOLVES SACRIFICE - 2 CO 8:9

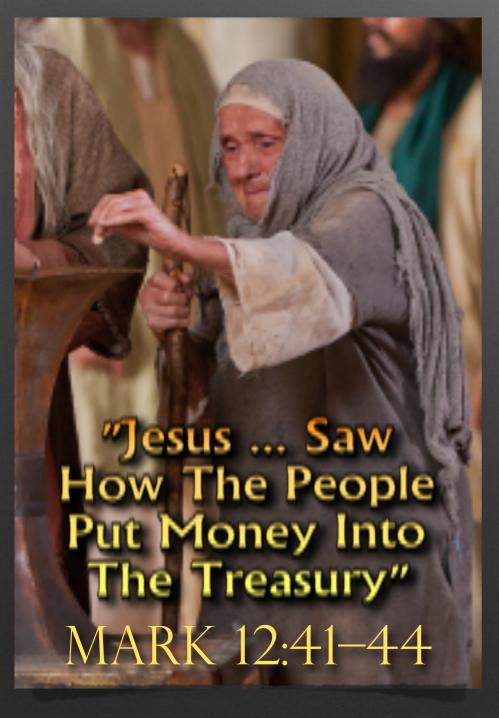
A THERMOMETER OF OUR LOVE! - 2 COR 8:8,24

PROMOTES MORE BLESSINGS -2 COR 9:6 ACTS 20:35



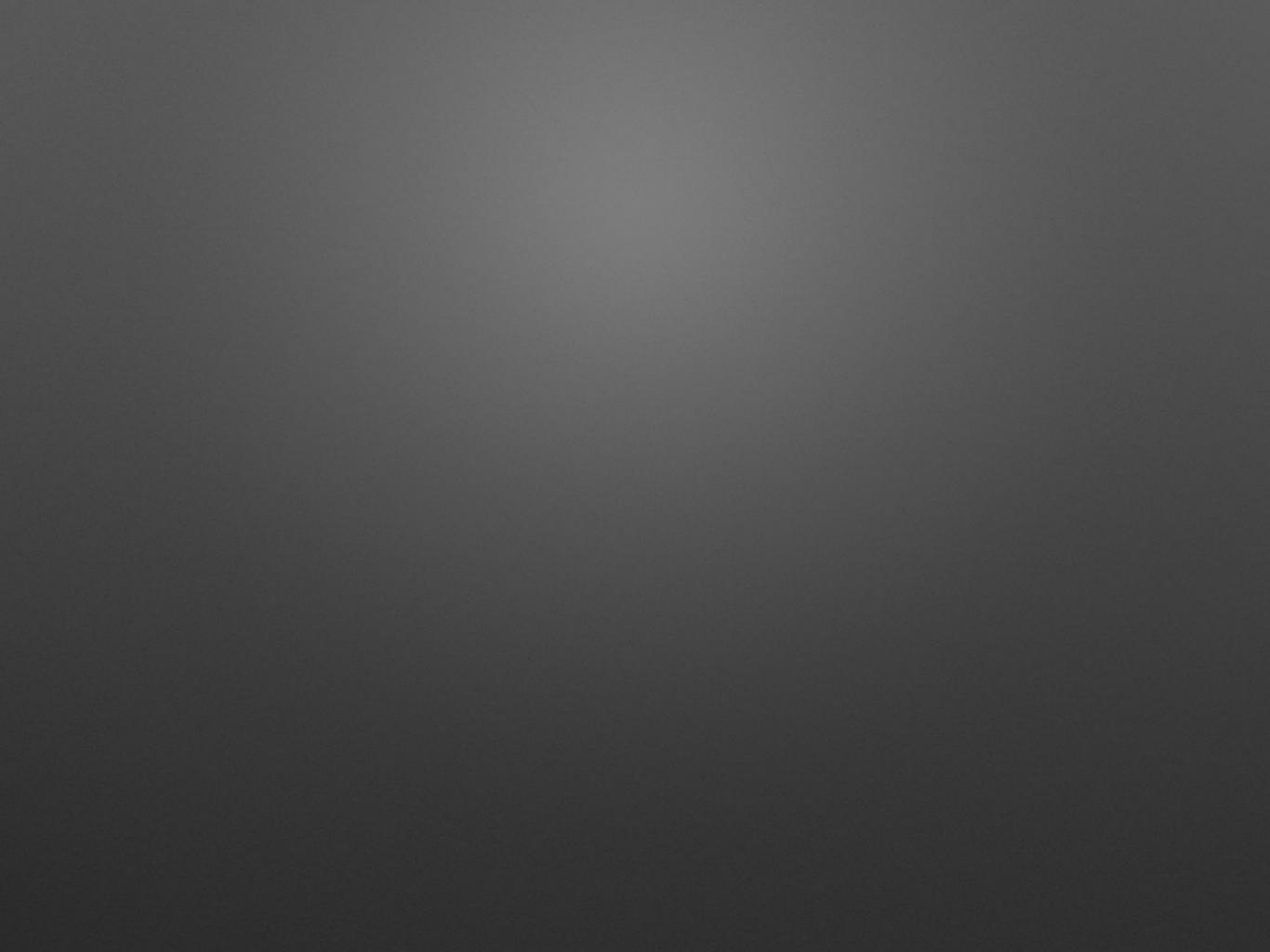
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- Jesus notices our manner of giving!(Mark 12:41-44)





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# 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15 (NKJV)

6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.



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<sup>9</sup> As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." 10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, 11 while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.



# 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15 (NKJV)

12 For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, 13 while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men, 14 and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. 15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

