

# The Book of Second Corinthians

## Lesson Eighteen

### 2 Corinthians 8-9

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## Lesson Eighteen Day One

Step 1: Read the following passage of scripture:	Step 2: List the Facts Verse by Verse:
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2 Cor. 8:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: <sup>2</sup> that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. <sup>3</sup> For I bear witness that according to *their* ability, yes, and beyond *their* ability, *they were* freely willing, <sup>4</sup> imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. <sup>5</sup> And not *only* as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and *then* to us by the will of God. <sup>6</sup> So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well. <sup>7</sup> But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—*see* that you abound in this grace also.

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## Lesson Eighteen Day Two

Step 1: Read the following passage of scripture:	Step 2: List the Facts Verse by Verse:
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2 Cor. 8:8-15

<sup>8</sup> I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others. <sup>9</sup> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

<sup>10</sup> And in this I give advice: It is to your advantage not only to be doing what you began and were desiring to do a year ago; <sup>11</sup> but now you also must complete the doing *of it*; that as *there was* a readiness to desire *it*, so *there also may be* a completion out of what *you* have. <sup>12</sup> For if there is first a willing mind, *it is* accepted according to what one has, *and* not according to what he does not have.

<sup>13</sup> For *I do* not *mean* that others should be eased and you burdened; <sup>14</sup> but by an equality, *that* now at this time your abundance *may supply* their lack, that their abundance also may *supply* your lack—that there may be equality. <sup>15</sup> As it is written, “*He who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack.*”

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## Lesson Eighteen Day Three

Step 1: Read the following passage of scripture:	Step 2: List the Facts Verse by Verse:
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2 Cor. 8:16-24

<sup>16</sup> But thanks *be* to God who puts<sup>c</sup> the same earnest care for you into the heart of Titus. <sup>17</sup> For he not only accepted the exhortation, but being more diligent, he went to you of his own accord. <sup>18</sup> And we have sent with him the brother whose praise *is* in the gospel throughout all the churches, <sup>19</sup> and not only *that*, but who was also chosen by the churches to travel with us with this gift, which is administered by us to the glory of the Lord Himself and *to show* your ready mind, <sup>20</sup> avoiding this: that anyone should blame us in this lavish gift which is administered by us—<sup>21</sup> providing honorable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. <sup>22</sup> And we have sent with them our brother whom we have often proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, because of the great confidence which *we have* in you. <sup>23</sup> If *anyone inquires* about Titus, *he is* my partner and fellow worker concerning you. Or if our brethren *are inquired about*, *they are* messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. <sup>24</sup> Therefore show to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love and of our boasting on your behalf.

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## Lesson Eighteen Day Four

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2 Cor. 9:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you; <sup>2</sup> for I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority. <sup>3</sup> Yet I have sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this respect, that, as I said, you may be ready; <sup>4</sup> lest if *some* Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to mention you!) should be ashamed of this confident boasting. <sup>5</sup> Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which *you had* previously promised, that it may be ready as *a matter of* generosity and not as a grudging obligation. <sup>6</sup> But this *I say*: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> *So let* each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> As it is written:

*“ He has dispersed abroad,  
He has given to the poor;  
His righteousness endures forever.*

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## Lesson Eighteen Day Five

Step 1: Read the following passage of scripture:	Step 2: List the Facts Verse by Verse:
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2 Cor. 9:10-15

<sup>10</sup> 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, <sup>11</sup> while *you are* enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. <sup>12</sup> For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, <sup>13</sup> 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*, <sup>14</sup> and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. <sup>15</sup> Thanks *be* to God for His indescribable gift!

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