

“Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.” (1 Corinthians 16:2)



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CONCLUSION _____

“For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: ¹⁵ And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. “(2 Corinthians 5:13-15)

TITLE: REACHING FORTH IN LOVE

“Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; ² How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. ³ For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; ⁴ Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. ⁵ And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. ⁶ Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also. ⁷ Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also. ⁸ I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love. ⁹ For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. ¹⁰ And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago. ¹¹ Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have. ¹² For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.” (2 Corinthians 8:1-12)

INTRODUCTION _____

1. The _____ of Love

**A. Love Is _____ by
God’s Grace**

BESTOWED ABUNDANTLY

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.” (2 Corinthians 9:8)

EXPRESSED GENEROUSLY

Quote: “You can give without loving, but you can’t love without giving.”—**Amy Carmichael**

“For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.” (Mark 12:44)

B. Love Is _____ by God’s People

WILLING HEARTS

“But whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? ¹⁸ My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.” (1 John 3:17–18)

MINISTERING HEARTS

Definition: *intreaty*—supplication, encouragement, persuasion

PARTNERING HEARTS

SACRIFICIAL HEARTS

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.” (Romans 12:1)

Quote: “Money is so intimately related to the possessor, that we cannot give money without giving ourselves....”—**Unknown**

2. The _____ of Love

A. By _____ Their Commitment

THEY HAD BEGUN WITH TITUS

THEY WOULD FINISH BY GRACE

“John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. ¹⁶ And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.” (John 1:15–16)

Quote: “Some givers are motivated by guilt, some are motivated by greed, but spiritual givers are motivated by grace.”

B. By _____ on Christ

Quote: “The Christian life will never make sense unless our eyes are fixed on Jesus.”

WE PROVE OUR LOVE TO HIM

WE SHOW OUR THANKS TO HIM

Quote: “Christian givers are motivated by the cross.”

“Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.” (2 Corinthians 9:15)

Quote: “Christian giving does not depend on material circumstances so much as spiritual convictions.”

—**Warren Wiersbe**

3. The _____ of Love

A. _____ to Give

THERE WAS A READINESS

FROM THAT WHICH YE HAVE

“She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. ⁹ Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.” (Mark 14:8–9)

B. _____ to Give

WILLING MINDS

EQUAL PROPORTIONS