

In God We Trust

“Extra! Extra!”

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Main Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:8-24

Referenced Scripture: Matthew 18:16-22, James 2:17

OPEN:

1. What in particular spoke to you from Pastor Bob’s message?
2. In what way is money the #1 competitor for our hearts?

DIG DEEPER:

1. In **2 Corinthians 8:9** Paul reminds us of Jesus’ example of sacrificial giving. How can Jesus’ example translate to a pattern of sacrificial giving in our lives?
2. Paul is pointing us to our “extra effort” in **2 Corinthians 8:12**. How can “extra effort” in the areas of trust, faith, obedience, and conviction affect our giving?
3. **2 Corinthians 8:13-14** speaks to the point of “extra equity”. In what way are you challenged with understanding the tithe to be the starting point of stewardship?
4. We find the point of “extra care” with what has been entrusted to us in **2 Corinthians 8:16-17**. As Titus was a man of integrity, why must we too maintain our integrity over image, issues, items, and intent?
5. How is “extra accountability” exemplified in **2 Corinthians 8:18-22**? Why is accountability in each of our lives vitally important? What are some ways which you are held financially accountable?
6. In what way do you find the example of “extra sensitivity” in **2 Corinthians 8:23** with respect to financial matters?
7. In **2 Corinthians 8:24** Paul addresses the point of “extra evidence”, meaning not simply saying it, but demonstrating proof you are trusting God. How does our stewardship of what God has entrusted to us demonstrate our trust in the Lord?

REFLECT:

1. How have you come to understand the difference between giving to the church and giving through the church?
2. What has the Lord shown you about the need to stop making excuses and start making a difference, with respect to financial stewardship?

MEMORY VERSE:

James 2:17

“Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”