

PARKWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Topic: Grasping Our Lord's Desire ...for Rationale in Thanksgiving

Passage: 2 Corinthians 8:16 – 9:15

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INTRODUCTION

- What should motivate thanksgiving?
- The Corinthian Church was eager to participate in the collection to aid fellow believers.
- Their offering was therefore an expression of their thankfulness to God.
- Paul found it necessary however to urge them to avoid their thanksgiving through giving being brought into question and so it must not – be left to Chance
 - be Coerced
 - be Common

INTERPRETATION

A) 8:16 - 9:5 - The Preparation which is the Springboard for Genuine Thanksgiving

Involves steps

- to Protect Credibility (8:16-21)
- to Protect Concern (8:22&23)
- to Protect Confidence (8:24&25)

Involves steps:

- to Ensure Boasting about the Generosity of the Saints (9:1&2)
- to Ensure Boosting of the Generosity of the Saints (9:3&4)
- to Ensure Blessedness of the Generosity of the Saints (9:5)

B) 9: 6 – 9 - The Peace which is the Springboard for Genuine Thanksgiving

Involves understanding of:

- Proportional Return (9:6)
- Purposeful Return ((9:7)
- Plentiful Return ((9: 8&9)

C) 9:10 – 15 - The Produce which Springs from Genuine Thanksgiving

Involves:

- Lift for Others (9:10&11)
- Light for Others (9:12&13)
- Love from Others (9:14&15)

IMPLICATION

- Thanksgiving must be Sober
- Thanksgiving must be Sincere
- Thanksgiving must be Stimulating

INTEGRATION

- How Thoughtful is your Thanksgiving?
- How Truthful is your Thanksgiving?
- How Touching is your Thanksgiving?

INTERCESSION

- What counsel (advise) do you draw from this study about your thanksgiving?
Pray for self/each other according to what was shared.