

Yes to the Mission of Christ

2 Corinthians 8 & 9

STORY: God's Nickel

OBJECTIVE: The Ambition of Christ was to give Himself away.

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

1) Their Part: Paul Proclaims Principles from the Macedonian Churches

- Check these guys out!
- Out of severe trial + Their overflowing joy + Their extreme poverty = rich generosity.
- They gave as much as they were able.
- They gave beyond their ability.
- They gave entirely of their own accord.
- They urgently pleaded with Paul for the privilege of giving.
- They did not do as Paul expected:
 - But gave themselves first to the Lord.
 - Secondly they gave themselves to their spiritual authority.
- v. 7, Paul commended the Corinthians for things they were doing with excellence
 - Paul states, "See that you also excel in this grace of giving."

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

2) Our Part: Paul's Intruction to the Corinthain Church and to Us

- v. 6, If you sow sparingly, you will reap sparingly
- v. 7, Give what you have decided in your heart
 - God loves a cheerful giver
- v. 8, In all things, at all times, God will provide your needs.

3) God's Part: Paul Proclaims Promises of God's Faithfulness to the Giver

- v. 10, God who supplies your needs will also provide the increase . . . in righteousness
- v. 11, You will be made rich in every way so you can be generous on every occasion
- v. 12, Your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God by others

4) Wrap-up

- vss. 13-15
- Thanks be to God for His indescribable Gift!