

2Co 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Jas 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

2Co 7:2 Make room for us in your hearts; we wronged no one, we corrupted no one, we took advantage of no one. (3) I do not speak to condemn you, for I have said before that you are in our hearts to die together and to live together.

2Co 8:20 taking precaution that no one should discredit us in our administration of this generous gift; (21) for we have regard for what is honorable, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

2Co 12:15 And I will most gladly spend and be expended for your souls. If I love you the more, am I to be loved the less? (16) But be that as it may, I did not burden you myself; nevertheless, crafty fellow that I am, I took you in by deceit. (17) Certainly I have not taken advantage of you through any of those whom I have sent to you, have I? (18) I urged Titus to go, and sent the brother with him. Titus did not take any advantage of you, did he? Did we not conduct ourselves in the same spirit and walk in the same steps?

2Co 6:11-13 Our mouth has
spoken freely to you, O
Corinthians, our heart is opened
wide. (12) You are not restrained
by us, but you are restrained in
your own affections. (13) Now in
a like exchange--I speak as to
children--open wide to us also.

*2Co 7:5-7 For even when we came into Macedonia
our flesh had no rest, but we were afflicted on
every side: conflicts without, fears within. (6) But
God, who comforts the depressed, comforted us by
the coming of Titus; (7) and not only by his
coming, but also by the comfort with which he was
comforted in you, as he reported to us your
longing, your mourning, your zeal for me; so that I
rejoiced even more.*

2Co 2:12-13 Now when I came to
Troas for the gospel of Christ and
when a door was opened for me in
the Lord, (13) I had no rest for my
spirit, not finding Titus my brother;
but taking my leave of them, I went
on to Macedonia.

2Co 7:8-10 For though I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it--for I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while-- (9) I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. (10) For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

1Co 5:1-2 It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife. (2) And you have become arrogant, and have not mourned instead, in order that the one who had done this deed might be removed from your midst.

Sorrow of the world

Judas fell Mt 27:3-5

Sorrow of God Peter Mt 26:75

repentance Rom 2:4 Acts 3:19

Acts 26:20

Judas - Act 1:20 "For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'LET HIS HOMESTEAD BE MADE DESOLATE,
AND LET NO ONE DWELL IN IT

Mat 27:3-5 Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, (4) saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to that yourself!" (5) And he threw the pieces of silver into the sanctuary and departed; and he went away and hanged himself.

Peter, with godly sorrow repented

Mat 26:75 And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, "Before a cock crows, you will deny Me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Act 2:14-16 But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them:
"Men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give heed to my words.

Rom 2:4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

Act 3:19 "Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

Act 26:19-20 "Consequently, King Agrippa, I did not prove disobedient to the heavenly vision, (20) but kept declaring both to those of Damascus first, and also at Jerusalem and then throughout all the region of Judea, and even to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds appropriate to repentance.

2Co 7:11 For behold what earnestness this very thing, this godly sorrow, has produced in you: what vindication of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what avenging of wrong! In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter.

An appeal for funds for the needy
in Jerusalem

previous instruction 1-2 years
earlier ICo 16:1-2

Thus, a two year collection

1Co 16:1-3 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also. (2) On the first day of every week let each one of you put aside and save, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come. (3) And when I arrive, whomever you may approve, I shall send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem;

2Co 8:1-2 Now, brethren, we wish to make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, (2) that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality.

Macedonian churches consisted of Philippi,
Thessalonica, and Berea

2Co 8:3 For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave of their own accord, (4) begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints, (5) and this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.

Tit 2:14 who gave Himself for us,
that He might redeem us from
every lawless deed and purify for
Himself a people for His own
possession, zealous for good
deeds.

*2Co 8:6 So we urged Titus that as he
had previously made a beginning, so
he would also complete in you this
gracious work as well*

2Co 12:18 I urged Titus to go, and sent the brother with him. Titus did not take any advantage of you, did he? Did we not conduct ourselves in the same spirit and walk in the same steps?

2Co 8:7 But just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also.

Mat 25:34-39 "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. (35) 'For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; (36) naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' (37) "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You drink? (38) 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? (39) 'And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

1Jn 3:17-18 But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? (18)
Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

*2Co 8:8 I am not speaking this as a
command, but as proving through
the earnestness of others the
sincerity of your love also*

a set amount is not required!

*2Co 8:9 For you know the grace of
our Lord Jesus Christ, that though
He was rich, yet for your sake He
became poor, so that you through
His poverty might become rich.*

Php 2:5-8 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, (6) who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, (7) but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. (8) And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross

Rom 12:1 I urge you therefore,
brethren, by the mercies of God, to
present your bodies a living and holy
sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is
your spiritual service of worship.

Rom 12:13 contributing to the needs
of the saints, practicing hospitality.

2Co 8:12 *For if the readiness is present, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have.*

Mar 12:41-44 And He sat down opposite the treasury, and began observing how the multitude were putting money into the treasury; and many rich people were putting in large sums. (42) And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent. (43) And calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury; (44) for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on."

*2Co 8:13-15 For this is not for the ease of others
and for your affliction, but by way of equality--
(14) at this present time your abundance being
a supply for their need, so that their abundance
also may become a supply for your need, that
there may be equality; (15) as it is written, "HE
WHO gathered MUCH DID NOT HAVE TOO
MUCH, AND HE WHO gathered LITTLE HAD NO
LACK."*

2Co 8:18-19 We have sent along with him the brother whose fame in *the things of* the gospel *has spread* through all the churches; (19) and not only *this*, but he has also been appointed by the churches to travel with us in this gracious work, which is being administered by us for the glory of the Lord Himself, and *to show* our readiness,

We don't know who the brother is!

Shows the brother was not a
Macedonian

2Co 9:4 lest if any Macedonians
come with me and find you
unprepared, we (not to speak of
you) should be put to shame by
this confidence.

2Co 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ
Jesus by the will of God, and
Timothy our brother, to the church
of God which is at Corinth with all
the saints who are throughout
Achaia:

2Co 8:20-21 taking precaution so that no one will discredit us in our administration of this generous gift; (21) for we have regard for what is honorable, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

2Co 8:24 Therefore openly before the churches, show them the proof of your love and of our reason for boasting about you.

Don't fall short in failing to give at all or in not giving generously!