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Purpose

These notes are prepared to simplify and reinforce the weekly Sabbath School lesson for personal devotion, family worship, small-group study, and Sabbath School discussion.

They are designed to help readers engage with the weekly lesson in a clear, practical, and easy-to-understand way, while encouraging deeper study of the original sources.

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Sounding the Advent Message

Lesson 11 [Sep 5-11]: Understanding the Memory Text

*“For you know the **grace** of our Lord **Jesus Christ**, that though He was **rich**, yet for your sakes He became **poor**, that you through His **poverty** might become **rich**.” — 2 Corinthians 8:9 (NKJV)*

- The memory text points us first to the **grace** of **Jesus**.
- It shows the **depth** of His **love** and His **willingness** to give Himself for our **salvation**.
- This becomes the **foundation** for Christian **stewardship** and **mission**.

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...”

- The **grace** of **Jesus** is **God's undeserved love** and **favor** toward sinners.
- This grace was **revealed** most fully when **Jesus** gave Himself to **save** us.
- Our giving should therefore begin with **gratitude** for what **God** has already given us.

“...that though He was rich...”

- **Jesus** was **rich** in **heavenly glory** before He came to this world.
- He shared the **glory** He had with the **Father** before the world existed.
- His riches therefore point beyond earthly possessions to His **divine glory** and **heavenly position**.

“...yet for your sakes He became poor...”

- **Jesus willingly** left heavenly glory and came to this world of **sin** and **suffering**.
- He took upon Himself **human nature** and lived a life of **humility** and **sacrifice**.
- He ultimately gave His life on the **cross** for our salvation.
- His poverty was therefore not merely a **lack** of material possessions.
- It describes the **great sacrifice** involved in His **incarnation**, ministry, suffering, and death.

“...that you through His poverty might become rich.”

- **Jesus** did not become poor because He had lost His **divine worth**.
- He gave up heavenly glory and accepted the **condition of humanity** for our salvation.
- Through His sacrifice, we may receive **forgiveness**, **reconciliation** with **God**, and the **hope** of **eternal life**.
- These are the **true riches** that **Christ** makes available to us.

What This Means for You

- **Everything** you have ultimately comes from **God**.
- Your **time**, **abilities**, **resources**, **influence**, and **possessions** are **gifts** entrusted to you.
- When you **understand** what **Christ** has given for you, your **attitude** toward giving begins to **change**.
- You give because you have **received God's grace**, not because you are trying to **earn** His favour.
- Give **willingly**, **wisely**, and according to what **God** has entrusted to you.
- Use what you have to **bless** others and help **advance** the gospel.
- Christian **stewardship** is therefore not only about **money**.
- It is about **giving yourself** to **God** and allowing Him to use what you have for His **mission**.

A Final Thought

- **Jesus** gave Himself so that you could receive the **riches** of **salvation**.
- His example teaches you to **live** with a **giving heart**.
- When you first give yourself to **God**, your **time**, **abilities**, **resources**, and **influence** can become **instruments** for His work.
- The **greatest gift** has already been given: **Jesus Christ**.
- Our giving is a **grateful response** to His **grace** and **love**.

September 5: Sabbath Afternoon - Overview

Summary

- **Stewardship** is **more** than **managing** what we have; it is about how **God's grace** changes the way we **give**.
- At the **heart** of true stewardship is **Jesus**, who gave Himself so that we could receive **eternal life**.
- As we **follow** His example, our **gifts**, **resources**, and **lives** can become **part** of **God's mission**.
- This kind of giving can bring **blessing**, **unity**, and **worship** to the church.
- This week **invites** us to **discover** what it **really** means to give ourselves **first** to the **Lord**.

Main Points to Learn This Week

Sunday: We will discover how **Jesus' sacrifice** gives us the **greatest** example of **selfless giving** and **stewardship**.

Monday: We will explore what **truly motivates** us to give, and how **gratitude**, **love**, and **God's grace** shape our giving.

Tuesday: We will learn why **planning** and **giving** according to what we have are **important** parts of faithful stewardship.

Wednesday: We will discover how the **right attitude** can turn giving from an **obligation** into a **joyful privilege**.

Thursday: We will see how giving can **strengthen unity** and **connect** God's people to the **mission** of the **worldwide church**.

Let us **study** this week and discover how **Christ's gift** to us can **inspire** us to **give**, **serve**, and take part in **God's mission**.

September 6: Sunday - The Example of Jesus

Read: 2 Corinthians 8:1–15; Philippians 2:7–8; John 17:5; Luke 9:58

Summary

- The **Corinthian** believers had already **promised** to **help** poor Christians in **Judea**, and **Paul** now **urged** them to **complete** what they had started.
- **Paul** first pointed to the **Macedonian** believers, who gave **generously** even though they were very **poor**.
- Their **generosity** showed that having **little** does not **prevent** us from giving when **love** moves our **hearts**.
- **Paul** then pointed to **Jesus**, whose giving was **far greater** than any **human** gift.
- **Jesus** was **rich** in **heaven**, sharing the **heavenly glory** He had with the **Father** before coming to this world.
- He became **poor** for our sake, leaving heavenly glory and taking the **form** of a **servant** among us.
- **Jesus humbled** Himself even to **death** on the **cross**, so that we could receive the **riches** of **salvation**.
- His **example** teaches us that **Christian giving** is not merely about **money**, but about **giving** ourselves in **love** for **God** and others.

Question

- What should **Jesus' sacrifice** teach me about **giving** and **living** for others?

Answer

- **Jesus** gave Himself for me when I had **nothing** to give Him, so I should respond with **love**, **gratitude**, **generosity**, and a **willing** heart.

Reflection

- When I remember what **Jesus** gave up for me, does it **change** how **willing** I am to give my **time**, **resources**, and **life** to **God** and others?

Takeaway

- **Jesus** gave Himself so that I could receive **eternal life**. My giving becomes **meaningful** when it **reflects** His **love**.

September 7: Monday - Motivation

Read: 2 Corinthians 8:1, 5; 8:8–9; 9:7, 9–10, 13, 15

Summary

- **God's grace** should **motivate** us to **give** because He has already **given so much** to us.
- **Gratitude grows** when we remember **God's greatest gift, Jesus Christ**.
- **Jesus motivates** us to give because He gave up **heavenly glory** and gave Himself for our **salvation**.
- **God's blessings motivate** us to **share** because He gives to us so that we can **bless** others.
- **Love motivates genuine giving** because sincere love is shown through **practical action**.
- The **Macedonian believers** showed that **generosity** does not **depend** on having **plenty**.
- **Cheerful giving** comes from a **heart** that **willingly responds** to **God's grace**.
- The **Cross** should **lead** us to **ask** whether our giving **reflects** the love and sacrifice of **Jesus**.

Question

- What should **motivate** me to **give** to **God** and others?

Answer

- **God's grace, Christ's sacrifice, His blessings, and sincere love** should **motivate** me to give **willingly** and **generously**.

Reflection

- When I look at the **Cross**, what is **motivating** my giving **today**?

Takeaway

- The more clearly I see **God's grace** and **Christ's sacrifice**, the more **willingly** I will give to **bless** others.

September 8: Tuesday - Planning

Read: 2 Corinthians 8:3, 11–12; 9:7

Summary

- **Christian giving** should be **planned**, because **faithful** giving begins with a **decision** made **beforehand**.
- Each **person** should **decide** what to give after **carefully considering** what **God** has **entrusted** to them.
- The **amount** given does not have to be the **same** for **everyone**, because people have different **resources** and **circumstances**.
- Giving should be **proportional** to what each person has **received** from **God**.
- The **Macedonian believers** gave according to their **means**, even though they had very **little**.
- **God** does not ask us to give from what we do not have, but He **calls** us to **faithfully** use what we have.
- **Planning** helps us give **faithfully**, because we are **less likely** to allow **excuses** or **changing** circumstances to **control** our giving.
- **Faithful giving calls** us to **examine** whether we are giving according to our **means** or **holding back** when we could give **more**.

Question

- How can I **plan** my giving so that I **faithfully** give according to what **God** has **entrusted** to me?

Answer

- I can decide **beforehand** what to give and **set aside** a **proportion** of what **God provides** instead of giving **only** when I **feel** able or willing.

Reflection

- Am I giving according to what **God** has **entrusted** to me, or am I using **excuses** to **hold back** what I could give?

Takeaway

- **Faithful giving** is **planned** in **advance** and given according to what **God** has **entrusted** to us.

September 9: Wednesday - Attitude

Read: 2 Corinthians 8:1–5

Summary

- The **Macedonian believers** gave with **great joy**, even though they were experiencing **extreme poverty**.
- Their **joy** in the **Lord** was **greater** than the **difficulty** of their **circumstances**.
- They gave with **generosity**, because **God** had **taught** them that His **blessings** are also meant to **bless** others.
- They gave **freely**, because no one had to **force** them to **participate**.
- They saw giving as a **privilege**, and they even **pleaded** for the **opportunity** to help others.
- Their **generosity** was **not limited** by how **little** they had, because their hearts were **willing** to share what **God** had given them.
- They **first** gave themselves to the **Lord**, and their **surrender** to **God** led them to **serve** others.
- Their example shows that **Christian giving** is more than **money**, because true generosity includes giving ourselves, our **time**, and our **service** to **God** and others.

Question

- What kind of **attitude** should I have when I give to **God** and others?

Answer

- I should give with **joy**, **generosity**, **freedom**, and **willingness**, because I have **first** given myself to the **Lord**.

Reflection

- Do I see giving as a **burden**, or do I see it as a **privilege** to **bless** others?

Takeaway

- When we give ourselves **fully** to the **Lord**, giving to others becomes a **joyful privilege** rather than a burden.

September 10: Thursday - Unity

Read: 2 Corinthians 8:13–14, 16, 18–24; Romans 15:26–27

Summary

- **Giving** can **unite God's people** because it helps **believers care** for one another.
- **Paul** wanted **Jewish** and **Gentile believers** to see that they were **one family** in **Christ**.
- The **Gentile believers** received **spiritual blessings** through the **Jewish believers**.
- They **responded** by **sharing** their **material blessings** with **believers** in **need**.
- The **churches entrusted** the **offering** to **trusted messengers chosen** through the churches.
- Giving through the **church** showed **love** for fellow believers and **loyalty** to **Christ**.
- Giving can become an act of **service**, **fellowship**, **blessing**, and **worship**.
- Giving to **churches** and **missions** in other places **strengthens** our **unity** as **one** worldwide **church**.

Question

- How does **giving** help **unite God's people** around the world?

Answer

- **Giving** helps **believers share** with one another, **support God's work**, and show that we belong to **one family** with **one mission**.

Reflection

- Does my **giving** show that I **care** about **God's people** and His work **beyond** my own **church**?

Takeaway

- When we **share** what **God** has given us, we **strengthen** the **unity** of His worldwide **church**.

September 11: Friday - Further Thought

Read: Ellen G. White, "A Liberal Church," The Acts of the Apostles, pp. 335–345

Summary

- **Jesus** is our **greatest** example of **self-giving** because He became **poor** so that we could receive the **riches** of **salvation**.
- **God's love** is **revealed** through giving because He gave His **Son** to **save** us from sin.
- The **Bible** shows that giving is an **expression** of **love**, because **Christ** gave Himself for us.
- **God** does not **need** our gifts, but He allows us to show **gratitude** by using His **blessings** to **help** others.
- Our **money**, **time**, and **influence** are **gifts** from **God** that can be used to **advance** the gospel.
- Giving can bring **personal spiritual benefits**, because it helps us **loosen** our hold on worldly things and **grow** in love for others.
- We can **imitate Jesus** by giving **more** than money, because we can also give our **time**, **strength**, **influence**, **service**, **forgiveness**, and **care**.
- A **church** filled with **Christlike generosity** can make the gospel **more powerful** in the lives of those who hear it.

Question

- How can I **imitate** Jesus' **self-giving** love in my **daily** life?

Answer

- I can imitate **Jesus** by giving myself to **God** and using my **time**, **resources**, **abilities**, and **influence** to **serve** others and advance the gospel.

Reflection

- What am I **holding back** that I could use to **bless** someone else?

Takeaway

- **Jesus** gave Himself to **save** us, and His **love** calls us to give ourselves in love for **God** and others.