



# ~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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## Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord thank You for providing seed for the sower and for multiplying our resources; for sowing and increasing the fruits of our righteousness. Thank You for telling us how to be good stewards of what You have given us. Thank you that we have a roof over our heads, a home. Thank You for the food , transportation, clothing....Father we do not thank You enough and I say thank You, Lord. I ask my prayer in Jesus' name.  
Amen

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## Scripture

### 2 Corin. 8

**1** Moreover, brothers, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; **2** How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded to the riches of their liberality. **3** For to their power, I bear record, yes, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; **4** Praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift, and take on us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. [Acts 11:29; Rom 15:26; 1Cor 16:2; 2Cor 9:1](#); **5** And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and to us by the will of God. **6** So that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.

**7** Therefore, as you abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that you abound in this grace also. **8** I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love. **9** 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 be rich. [Luke 9:58](#);

**10** And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago. **11** Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which you have. **12** For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man has, and not according to that he has not. [Matt 12:43; Luke 21:3; Prov 3:28; 1Pet 4:10](#); **13** For I mean not that other men be eased, and you burdened: **14** But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality: **15** As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack. [Exod 16:18](#);

**16** But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you. **17** For indeed he accepted the exhortation; but being more forward, of his own accord he went to you. **18** And we have sent with him the brother, whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches; **19** And not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of your ready mind: **20** Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us: **21** Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. [Rom 12:17](#); **22** And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have often times proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, on the great confidence which I have in you. **23** Whether any do inquire of Titus, he is my partner and fellow helper concerning you: or our brothers be inquired of, they are the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ. **24** Why show you to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf.

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These two chapters contain instructions about the collection Paul took up at the close of his third missionary journey for the poor saints in Jerusalem. It was probably gathered in all the churches of Asia Minor and Greece, although only those of Macedonia, Achaia, and Galatia are named. It had been started a year before (8:10). The Macedonian churches had entered into it wholeheartedly. Even the very poor were giving generously. Paul was there at the time he wrote this.

Philippi, the leading Macedonian church, was the only church from which Paul had accepted pay for his work, and then only after he had left there. In these two chapters we have the most complete instructions in the New Testament about church giving. Though Paul talks about an offering for charity, we assume that the principles stated here should be the guide for churches in the taking of all their offerings, those for self-support as well as those for missionary and benevolent enterprises; any gift or offering should be; voluntary, proportionate, and systematic; those handling the offerings should be people of integrity who are capable of administering the funds (8:19-21). Paul emphasizes especially that God will abundantly reward those who give liberally. The spirit of brotherly kindness that is thus manifested is called the "indefinable gift" (9:15).  
(Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history and commentaries; page 794)

The northern part of Greece was called Macedonia; the southern part was called Achaia, Corinth was in Achaia. The Macedonians were poor, but they gave freely to the saints in Jerusalem. Power means credit. Paul didn't want to take the gift from the Macedonians at first, because he knew how poor they were themselves. However, he revealed that they wanted to be part of the fellowship of the body by ministering to the church in Jerusalem. After we give ourselves to God. He guides us in giving to others. Paul wasn't commanding the Corinthians to give but asking them to show their love. Paul uses Jesus as another example of sacrificial giving. The Corinthians had decided to send a gift to Jerusalem the year before. Paul was telling them that the time had come to act on that decision. Paul sought a balance between those who had an abundance and those who were in need in the Church. He knew the Corinthians themselves might someday need help from the other churches. The brother mentioned here is probably Luke. Paul wanted to keep the handling of the money they collected above suspicion.  
( New Testament Study Guide; 2005; notes and commentaries; Chuck Smith; page 94)

Have you ever thought about not tithing in order to save money or to use that money for something else? That is temptation we should aggressively resist. The tithe does not belong to us; it belongs to God. In Malachi 3 He says if we withhold it we are robbing Him. Ask God to give you a cheerful heart as you give and to increase your faith to see abundance for every good work.

(Amplified Bible; 2005; Scripture, notes, commentaries; Joyce Meyers; pages 1898-1900)

(KJV Bible; Scripture, notes, commentaries; 2005)

"Happy Mother's Day



Every woman is unique in their own way.

Each woman comes in a variety of sizes;

and may be short or tall;

but each has

their own special qualities,

which is

what true beauty is;

and each are individual;

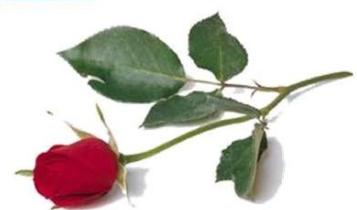
there are NO carbon copies;

a true gift

is just being yourself;

that is true beauty .....

that lasts a lifetime.....



**Psa 119:105**

**Thy word [is] a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.**



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