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# **INTRO**

*in subsets if needed  
(15 min)*

## **CARE**

Looking back on the last week,  
what is one thing for which you're thankful  
and one thing for which we can pray?

Pray.

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## **FOCUS**

Today we're placing our attention on 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 & 2 Corinthians 9:6-7.  
Here we discover the importance of systematic giving.

Focus your time and attention on helping the group understand

- a) the importance of having purpose in our giving.
- b) the importance of having a process in our giving.
- c) that God desires hearts that are invested in giving.

# *READ*

*and re-read*

## **1 Corinthians 16:1-2**

[1] Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. [2] On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come. (ESV)

## **2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

[6] The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. [7] Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (ESV)

# DISCUSS

(30 min)

| 1 |

What are the main ideas of these passages?

| 2 |

Paul asked the gentile churches in Corinth and Galatia to put back funds in order to help their brothers in sisters in Jerusalem who were suffering from a famine. While this passage isn't specifically about regular giving to the church, it does contain principles that can help us give more effectively.

What do their actions teach us about the value of the local church?

| 3 |

Paul encourages a systematic approach to giving in both of our passages today.  
What are the simple practices that make up the kind of giving he describes?  
How can we apply those practices to our giving habits?

| 4 |

Why is it important to make a plan when it comes to generosity?  
Would anyone be willing to share the system or plan you use for giving?

| 5 |

How can the practices described in 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 prevent us from being compulsive givers as mentioned in 2 Corinthians 9:6-7?

| 6 |

Would you consider yourself to be a cheerful giver?  
From where does the cheer in our giving come?

# *OBEY*

*(10 min)*

**| 1 |**

Are there any principles to apply or commands to obey from our passages today?

**| 2 |**

Is there something you need to do  
- and/or -  
someone you need to tell in response to what you've learned today?

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Prayer of Commission

