

“Purposed & Principled Giving”

Real Ministry in a Dot.Com World • pt. 18

2 Corinthians 8:10-24

INTRODUCTION

- God owns everything
Ps. 24:1; Ex. 19:5; Job 41:11

BIG IDEA

Great givers are people of purposed principle.

1. Exhortation to purposed giving (8:10-15)

- they struggled with _____ (v. 10)
“Many have the right aims in life; they just never get around to pulling the trigger.”
– Gloria Pitzer
- they struggled with _____ (v. 11)
“Anything less than a conscious commitment to the important is an unconscious commitment to the unimportant.”
– Stephen Covey
- they struggled with _____ (v. 12-15)

? Does the Bible advocate communism?

Gal. 6:10; 2 Thess. 3:10

2. Examples of principled giving (8:16-22)

- being zealous for _____: Titus (8:16-17)

“God is looking for [people] through whom He can do the impossible—what a pity that we plan only the things we can do by ourselves.”
– A.W. Tozer
- being zealous for _____: ‘famous brother’ (8:18)
- being zealous for _____: ‘famous brother’ (8:19)

“The measure of a man’s real character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out.”
– Thomas Macaulay
- being zealous for _____: Paul’s team (8:20-21)

“Shun those studies in which the work that results lies with the worker.”
– Leonardo de Vinci
- being zealous for _____: ‘other brother’ (8:22)

CONCLUSION