



FIND US FAITHFUL • Part 2

According to What We Have

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

What We Have

Doing What We Can According to Our Means

2 Corinthians 8:11-12

¹¹ Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, **according to your means.** ¹² For if the willingness is there, **the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.**

Mark 12:41-44 • The Widow's Offering

⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, **this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.** ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

How does my giving compare to my having?

Luke 12:41b • What God Has Given

^{41b} **From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded;** and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

How does my doing compare with what has been entrusted to me?

Balancing Needs

Taking Our Turn When We Have Plenty

2 Corinthians 8:13-15

¹³ Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. ¹⁴ At the present time **your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality,** ¹⁵ as it is written: "The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little."

Am I in a position of need or a position of plenty?

Philippians 4:10-13

¹⁰ **I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me.** Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² **I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty.** I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ **I can do all this through him who gives me strength.**

Am I content in any circumstance?

Am I trusting God to supply my needs? (4:19)

Am I seizing the opportunities I have to meet needs?