

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-24

PART III

{Sunday, October 28, 2018 A.D.}

2 Corinthians 2:15-3:6

¹⁵ For we are a fragrance of Christ to God . . .

⁵ Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God,

⁶ who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, . . .

2 Corinthians 8:10-12

. . . not only to do this, but also to desire to do it . . .

¹² For if the readiness is present, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have.

2 Corinthians 8:16-24

¹⁶ But thanks be to God who puts the same earnestness on your behalf in the heart of Titus. ¹⁷ For he not only accepted our appeal, but being himself very earnest, he has gone to you of his own accord. ¹⁸ We have sent along with him the brother whose fame in *the things* of the gospel has spread through all the churches; ¹⁹ and not only *this*, but he has also been appointed by the churches to travel with us in this gracious work, which is being administered by us for the glory of the Lord Himself, and *to show* our readiness, ²⁰ taking precaution so that no one will discredit us in our administration of this generous gift; ²¹ for we have regard for what is honorable, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. ²² We have sent with them our brother, whom we have often tested and found diligent in many things, but now even more diligent because of *his* great confidence in you. ²³ As for Titus, *he is* my partner and fellow worker among you; as for our brethren, *they are* messengers of the churches, a glory to Christ. ²⁴ Therefore openly before the churches, show them the proof of your love and of our reason for boasting about you.

2 Corinthians 8:13-15

¹³ For *this* is not for the ease of others and for your affliction, but by way of equality—

Proverbs 19:15

¹⁵ Laziness casts into a deep sleep, And an idle man will suffer hunger.

Proverbs 31:27

²⁷ She looks well to the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness.

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with labor and hardship we kept working night and day so that we would not be a burden to any of you; ⁹ not because we do not have the right to this, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you, so that you would follow our example. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either. ¹¹ For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread.

¹⁴ at this present time your abundance being a supply for their need, so that their abundance also may become a supply for your need, that there may be equality;

¹⁵ as it is written, "HE WHO gathered MUCH DID NOT HAVE TOO MUCH, AND HE WHO gathered LITTLE HAD NO LACK."

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114. Can those who are converted to God keep these commandments perfectly?

A. **No**: but even the holiest men, while in this life, have only a small beginning of this obedience; yet so, that with earnest purpose they begin to live, not only according to some, but according to all the commandments of God.