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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DECEMBER 5. PAUL ON THE GRACE OF GIVING. 2 Cor. 8:1-14. GOLDEN TEXT.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20:35. HOME READINGS.

M. Grace of giving. 2 Cor. 8:1-15. T. A cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9. W. Willing-hearted. Exod. 35:29-28. Th. More than enough. Exod. 35:1-7. F. According to blessing. Deut. 16:9-17. S. Scattering and increasing. Prov. 11:23-31. Su. Willing gifts. 1 Chron. 29:6-19.

POINTED SUGGESTIONS.

By Rev D. W. Snider.

Giving is, indeed, a grace, especially when it is done graciously. The word does not mean patronizingly. It has none of that quality of soap benevolence about it at all. Nor does it mean parading—that style of street-corner, trumpet-blowing almsgiving which Jesus condemned. 'The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.' Ready, willing, happy-faced giving is gracious giving. When one gives in that manner which conveys the idea that a privilege has been granted to the giver, it may be said that with such an one giving is a grace just as truly as faith or earnestness of love.

With many giving is neither the first or earliest grace they manifest in their Christian experience, nor the one most eagerly sought after and acquired. Too many go out beyond these earthly portals making it impossible that an eulogium passed upon their characters shall refer to the grace of giving. It had the misfortune always before it. The apostle was anxious that it should be otherwise with the Corinthian Christians.

Accordingly it is to be noticed that he urged them to acquire this grace and make it manifest by (v. 1) provoking them to jealousy (v. 9) by reminding them of the incomparable example, the spirit of which should be a never-failing stimulus and guide, and also (v. 7) by pointing out that other good things possessed are incomplete or unadorned until this other grace is added. Besides (v. 10, 11) he probes the memory to discover to the Corinthians that the impulse (a noble and Christian impulse) to give had unfortunately been allowed to fail. It had not been acted upon. And that is always to be lamented.

The churches of Macedonia reveal a significant thing about giving. Granted an experience of the love of God in the heart, it is seen that the affliction and poverty more readily become the background of liberality than abundance or surfeit. Elijah was fed in the home where the limit of poverty had been reached. The last of the meal was in the cake. It appears to be hard for men to realize that all

belongs to God until they have been stripped of all.

The apostle does not permit us to put things the wrong end first. In commending the Macedonians he does not forget to say that 'first they gave their own selves to the Lord.' That is the most urgent need of men. Nothing is to be hoped for where there has been failure in that.

It would appear that the stimulus of godly jealousy is needed, nor is it unworthy to apply it. Those in Corinth ought to do as well by the poor in Jerusalem as those in the churches of Macedonia. The apostle is not slow to hint that they ought to do better. Your pastor is quite right, therefore, when he tells you of the membership of another church or appointment which is doing better than yours. 'Provoke one another unto love and good works.'

But there is the example incomparable. It is Jesus. Oh, how He gave! How He denied Himself, that He might give! He took the way of humiliation and poverty that others might find a way laid for their feet of enrichment and joy. The man who catches that spirit and manifests it at all cannot fail to be a liberal giver, judged by any of the standards which are short of the divine. Tithing, poor and mechanical in comparison. As that Jewish tithing should still many long laps ahead of so much that is called giving. Benevolence, however, after the manner of the divine standard, and impelled by the Spirit of Jesus, overtakes all that at one joyous jump, and never 'ackens the pace. Onward.

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