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# The Command

## The Collection for the Saints – Background

- Jerusalem saints in need –  
**1 Corinthians 16:1-4; Gal. 2:9-10**
- Paul started a collection –  
**1 Corinthians 16:1; 2 Corinthians 8:1, 4; 9:2; Romans 15:25-33** – Galatia, Macedonia, Achaia (Corinth)



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## The Work of the Church – Financial Implications

- **1 Corinthians 16:1-2** – pattern for church accumulation of funds.
- Work beyond benevolence – Edification (**Eph. 4:11-12**); Evangelism (**Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 8:4**)
- Involves finances – **1 Timothy 5:17-18; 1 Corinthians 9:14; Philippians 4:14-16; 2 Corinthians 11:8**



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- Commanded – **1 Corinthians 16:1;**  
**4:17**



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## The Pattern

- **Periodic** – *“On the first day of the week”*
- **Personal** – *“let each one of you”*
- **Provident** – *“lay something aside, storing up”*
- **Proportionate** – *“as he may prosper”*
- **Preventative** – *“that there be no collections when I come”*



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# The Diligence of Others

(2 Corinthians 8)

## The Approach of Paul Manifests the Nature of the Activity

- (v. 8) – a command but prioritizing sincere motivation of love.
- Shows worshipful nature –  
cf. **Philippians 4:18**



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## The Churches of Macedonia

- (vv. 2-3) – gave liberally in affliction and poverty.
- (v. 4) – eager participation.
- (v. 5) – gave themselves first.

## Our Lord Jesus Christ

- (v. 9) – cf. Philippians 2:5-8



# The Grace of Giving

(2 Corinthians 8-9)

## Grace in Context

- 8:1, 7; 9:14-15 – context framed in grace.
- God's grace is the source – 8:1-2
- The ability to give, and practice itself is a gift of grace – 8:7



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## Fellowship in a Good Work

- 8:4, 7 – grace of participating.  
(cf. Matthew 25:40)
- Beyond benevolence –  
Philippians 1:3-5; 4:14-20; 3 John 5-8  
– in evangelism/edification.



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## Bountiful Reaping for Increased Fruits of Righteousness

- 9:6 – reap how you sow.
- 9:7 – ultimately established in the heart.
- Reaping? – 9:8-11a (cf. Psalm 112) – for the purpose of being equipped for further sowing (giving).



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## Supply of Thanksgiving to God

- 9:11b-12 – blesses all with a Godward focus.
- 9:13a – promotes unity (Jew/Gentile) – thanksgiving for like faith.
- 9:13b – for love of all brethren.

## Supplication for the Saints (9:14)

“THANKS BE TO GOD FOR HIS INDESCRIBABLE GIFT!” (v. 15)



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