



## 1. Care

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(vv.24-28)

**24** I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while.

**25** At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints.

**26** For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. **27** For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings.

## 2. Care

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(vv.29-33)

**28** When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you. **29** I know that when I come to you I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

**30** I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf, **31** that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints,

## 3. Enjoy

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(vv.24-33)

**32** so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company. **33** May the God of peace be with you all. Amen. (ESV)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **2 Corinthians 9:8-11** and **Proverbs 11:24-25**. Why is a genuine, heartfelt trust in God such an important ingredient in learning to be generous?
2. Compare **Proverbs 23:6-7** and **2 Corinthians 8:1-7**. What is wrong with simply "forcing ourselves" to be generous? How would you advise someone who wants to address the heart issues that drive him or her to be stingy instead of sincerely generous?
3. Read **Colossians 4:12-13**. How do Epaphras' prayers compare to the subject and goal of the prayers of most Christians today?
4. Read **Philippians 4:1**. What can you do to cultivate a more sincere love and concern for the spiritual welfare of your brothers and sisters in Christ?
5. Beyond your financial giving through the church for missions work and ministerial care, list two or three specific things you could do this week to meet the needs of and provide tangible care for other Christians?

## **The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:**

Go to [ESV.org](http://ESV.org) (Reading Plans: Though the Bible) for schedule prompts.

### **February 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Num. 16-17 & Mk. 6:33-56*

### **February 27<sup>th</sup>**

*Num. 18-20 & Mk. 7:1-13*

### **February 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Num. 21-23 & Mk. 7:14-8:10*

### **February 29<sup>th</sup>**

*(catch-up reading day)*

### **March 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Num. 24-27 & Mk. 8:11-38*

### **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Num. 28-29 & Mk. 9:1-29*

### **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Num. 30-31 & Mk. 9:30-50*

### **March 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Num. 32-33 & Mk. 10:1-31*

For MP3 sermons go to [FPR.info](http://FPR.info). The following are other available sermons related to today's subject matter.

CD # 1107 – **Excelling in Generosity**

CD # 0558 – **Pray Like Paul: Three Poignant Questions About Your Prayer Life**

CD # 0207 – **Serious About Giving**

CD # 1109 – **Empathy for God's Embattled People**

CD # 0714 – **Trusting God Enough to Give Him Our Best**

CD # 0417 – **Making Sense of Offerings, Tithing & Temple Taxes**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Alcorn, Randy. **Money, Possessions, and Eternity**. Tyndale House, 2003.

Blomberg, Craig L. **Neither Poverty nor Riches: A Biblical Theology of Possessions**. InterVarsity Press, 1999.

Bounds, E. M. **The Complete Works of E. M. Bounds on Prayer**. Baker Books, 1990.

Getz, Gene. **Biblical Theology of Material Possessions**. Moody Press, 1991.

Hiebert, Edmond. **Working with God Through Intercessory Prayer**. BJU Press, 1991.

Jeremiah, David. **Prayer: The Great Adventure**. Multnomah Publishers, 1997.

Mandryk, Jason. **Operation World: The Definitive Prayer Guide to Every Nation. Seventh Edition**. Biblica Publishing, 2010.

Murray, Andrew. **The Best of Andrew Murray on Prayer**. Barbour Publishing, 1997.

Ryken, Philip Graham, ed. **The Communion of the Saints: Living in Fellowship with the People of God**. P & R, 2001.

Ryle, J. C. **A Call to Prayer**. Audubon Press, 2002.

Schaeffer, Francis. **The Church at the End of the Twentieth Century**. Crossway Books, 1994.

Smith, Christian. **Passing the Plate: Why American Christians Don't Give Away More Money**. Oxford Press, 2008.

Strauss, Lehman. **Sense and Nonsense About Prayer**. Moody Press, 1974.

Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.