

FAITH PROMISE GIVING

II COR 9:1-8

- Paul writes concerning the collection for the Saints at Jerusalem
- The Churches of Achaia were zealous in giving (including Corinth)
- God's plan of giving is laid out in verses 6-8
- In Faith Promise, zealously GIVE by Faith as the Lord provides

I. THE FAITH PROMISE PLAN IS SCRIPTURAL

- A. Church is commissioned to go LUKE 16:15 / MATT 28:18-20
- B. God called missionaries go ACTS 13:1-4 / ROM. 10:13
 - 1. Missionaries are church sent & supported II COR. 11:7-9
- C. We give each period (weekly/bi-weekly) by faith
 - 1. The amount that God lays on our heart
 - 2. As God supplies for the furtherance of the Gospel
- D. The Faith Promise Plan is a FAITH ministry II COR. 5:7
 - 1. We cannot please God any other way HEB. 11:6

II. THE FAITH PROMISE PLAN IS SENSIBLE

- A. It encourages God's people to look to God to supply
 - 1. We are PILGRIMS & STRANGERS on earth looking to God
 - 2. God blesses THEN we are encouraged (Faith Promise)
- B. It builds up the Saints
 - 1. A person takes a step of faith and God blesses
 - 2. Makes person stronger in faith / SEEING God's blessings
- C. It involves everyone -- available to all who will take part
 - 1. Dad - Mom - Son - Daughter
 - 2. Whole families & Churches are blessed by using this plan
- D. Supplies the need: Voluntary, Dignified, and Honorable
 - 1. No begging, gimmicks, bake sales, or lottery (gambling)
 - 2. No high-pressure money raising campaigns

III. THE FAITH PROMISE PLAN IS SUCCESSFUL

- A. Many Churches across the land can testify to this
 - 1. The mission offerings of these churches multiply
 - 2. The General offering of these churches multiply
- B. Three ways for us to help make it successful
 - 1. Make sure you're in God's Will (or can't hear His voice)
 - 2. Give offering at once/first (not waiting) LUKE 6:38
 - 3. Expect Satan's challenge to any step of faith JAMES 4:7

IV. THE FAITH PROMISE PLAN IS STABLE

- A. We don't raise a large ONE TIME offering
 - 1. Send many to the field and then let them down.
 - 2. We support our Missionaries by Faith until they return
- B. What God has raised up will stand
 - 1. Dagon, the Philistine god fell 1 SAM. 5:1-7
 - 2. The Faith Promise Plan has stood - it is STABLE