

Let's read Psalm 111 and Psalm 112. What is the emphasis in each psalm?

How does Paul's quote of Psalm 112:9 support his point in 2 Corinthians chapter 9?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:10-11

Explain Paul's use of the sowing / reaping imagery back in 9:6.

Explain Paul's use of the sowing / reaping imagery in 9:10.

generous ("simple," "single-minded") – also used in 8:2 and 9:13

"[The word] speaks not so much of amount as it does of attitude." (2 Corinthians People's Bible, Valleskey, p. 167)

Look at Luke 21:1-4 and 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 and describe what *generous* giving really is.

What specific *thanksgiving* do you think the Corinthians' generous giving would result in?

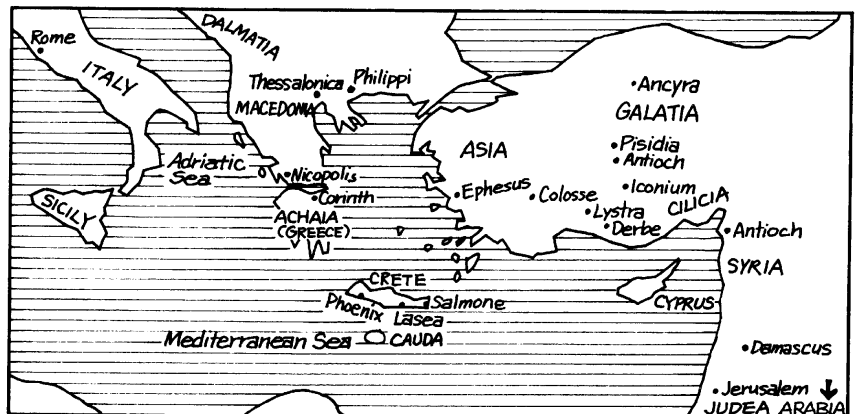
Read 2 Corinthians 9:12-15

This service that you perform is the same expression used in Luke 1:23. What does that say about Christian giving?

What two things was the Corinthians' *service* accomplishing?

1)

2)



Why would others praise God for the Corinthian's service?

According to verse 14, what else would happen as a result of the Corinthians' service?

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! What gift?

Final Discussion

Why can you afford to scatter abroad your gifts?

What opportunities are in front of our congregation to do something like what the Corinthians did?

What does our giving say about us?

Look at 8:1 and 9:15. How do they function as the bookends for these two chapters?