

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from February 20, 2011 “Paul’s Expectation for the Corinthians” 2 Corinthians 8:11-12

Observing the text

Read 2 Corinthians 8:11-15 carefully and make as many observations as possible.

How do these verses fit into the flow of the text?

When Paul was speaking about the “completion of it,” what did he mean?

What did Paul mean by the phrase “by way of equality” in verse 13?

What was Paul talking about when he referred to “their abundance” in verse 14?

What was the significance of Paul’s quotation from the Old Testament in verse 15?

Applying the sermon

Why should Spirit-filled believers joyfully seek to meet the spiritual and material needs of others as an expression of being in Christ?

Why should those who have devoted their lives to the ministry of the gospel be financially supported?

How does financially supporting our ministers enable you to participate with them in meeting the spiritual needs of others?

How are you showing your joy of being in Christ in the area of your giving?

What do you presently need to do so that Christ’s life might fill you and express itself through you in this specific way?