Weekly Reading Notes

18-7-2021

Extra Questions

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

Observation:

(e.g. What sticks out to you? What do you think is the main point? What do you learn about God? What do you learn about people? Do you have any questions?)

Consider these quotes:

Martin Luther: "There are <u>three</u> conversions necessary: the conversion of the heart, the conversion of the mind, and the conversion of the purse."

Charles Spurgeon: "With some (Christians) the last part of their nature that ever gets sanctified is their pockets."

Why do you think giving is so hard, even for Christians? And yet why is it so important?

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

What principles of Christian giving do we see in the Macedonian churches? (As a sidenote: How does 8:2 help us interpret 9:8-11 correctly?)

Read Matthew 6:19-21; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; Proverbs 19:17

Sometimes Christians say that we shouldn't think about the reward we'll receive when we give, or it pollutes our motives. How would you respond to that from the verses above?

Application:

(e.g. Sin to confess? Promise to claim? Attitude to change? Command to obey? Example to follow? Prayer to pray? Error to avoid? Truth to believe? Something to praise God for?)

Prayer: