

The Book of 2 Corinthians

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God’s Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

This morning we look at the second major section of **2 Corinthians** – **chapters 8-9**. For more background on the Macedonians, read **Philippians 4:10-19**. This section of **2 Corinthians** can be divided into three subsections. Read each subsection, answering for yourself the questions associated with them. Type out your answers or jot them down on a piece of paper and file your answers with your morning study.

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

- What was the “grace” that had been given to the Macedonians? (**8:1,7**).
- What were the two things that welled up into rich generosity? (**8:2**).
- What did the Macedonians urgently plead with Paul for? (**8:4**).
- What two things did the Macedonians do in their act of giving? (**8:5**).
- What did the Corinthians already excel in? (**8:7**).
- How did Paul instruct the Corinthians to test the sincerity of their love? (**8:8**).
- How does **8:9** relate to **8:1,7**?
- What makes a gift acceptable? (**8:12**).
- What is Paul’s desire? (**8:13-15**).

Read 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5

- What was Paul taking pains to do? (**8:20-21**).
- Why was Paul sending Titus and other Christian brothers to Corinth ahead of his own visit? (**9:3-5**).
- How did Paul want the Corinthian’s gift to be given? (**9:5**).

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

- What is necessary to do in order to “reap generously”? (**9:6**).
- Why should giving not be done under compulsion? (**9:7**).
- What is God able to do and how does this relate to **9:6** and **9:10**? (**9:8**).
- In the context of **8:1,7** and **9:14**, what is God’s “indefinable gift”? (**9:15**).

Memory Verse

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!