

Reading assignment for November 26 – December 2; 1 Corinthians 10-16; 2 Corinthians, Galatians 1-3

Memory: 1 Corinthians 12:7 *"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:"*

Consider:

1. In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul talks about diversities of spiritual gifts that all flow from one source.
 - a. What is the source and what purposes are these gifts given?
 - b. How do these gifts relate to us?
 - c. Who is qualified to be used in any or all of these gifts?
 - d. What is your understanding of Paul's message in 1 Corinthians 12:27-31?
2. According to 2 Corinthians 1:3-5, our experience of suffering can be of benefit to other people. What is your personal history of suffering and how did those experiences benefit you today?
3. In 2 Corinthians 8 and 9 Paul gives instruction on the subject of giving offerings.
 - a. What do you think is the meaning behind Paul's call for equality in giving in 8:13-15?
 - b. What is the difference between equality in giving and equality in sacrifice of giving?
 - c. What is the teaching of 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 & 10-11 in regards to giving?
4. Paul wrote about his "thorn in the flesh" in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.
 - a. What purpose did the "thorn in the flesh" serve for Paul?
 - b. What was God's response to Paul's repeated prayer to remove the thorn?
 - c. What attitude did Paul demonstrate in verses 9-10?
5. Describe the importance of Galatians 1:3-4 & 3:14.