

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further ***International Bible Lessons***

2 Corinthians 8:7-15 **Sunday, August 12, 2018** **L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.**

Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class so they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. What did Paul say the Corinthians excelled in? What did he say he wanted them to excel in?

In faith, speech, knowledge, earnestness, and love. The grace of giving.

2. What did Paul want Titus to do when he visited the church in Corinth? See 2 Corinthians 7:6; 7:13-14; 8:6; 8:16-24.

Paul wanted Titus to encourage them to complete what they had begun a year earlier and take up their collection to send to Jerusalem in time for it to be ready when Paul arrived later to get the collection from them.

3. Rather than command the Corinthians to give, for what reason did Paul want the them to give?

He wanted their love for Jesus Christ and others to motivate their giving.

4. What makes a gift acceptable?

The willingness to give the gift, not the amount that one has or gives; especially if one living in poverty cannot give anything.

5. What did Paul say Jesus Christ had done for them? Why did he remind them of what Jesus Christ had done for them?

Though Christ was rich, for their sakes He became poor so they could become rich. Paul reminded them of what Christ had done for them, so they would give generously to help the needy in the church in Jerusalem.