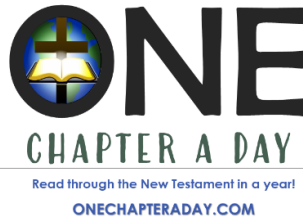


MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK:

2 Corinthians 8:9 *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.*



MY NOTES

My Insights / My Questions

MONDAY, APRIL 25

Read 2 Corinthians 8

1. "...Taking part in the relief of the saints". Who were these saints? What is the difference between a tithe and a gift? Was this collection by Paul a tithe or gift?
 2. Titus is known for his what? Even with his reputation and Paul's reputation, what additional precautions does Paul take to be responsible in the gathering of money from the church in Corinth?
 3. Paul references the saying "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack." What does this mean? Have you ever been with "little" and yet had no lack?
- **Prayer: God, thank You for Your many blessings. Let me be generous with all Your gifts that I might hold them loosely and share them readily.**

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

Read 2 Corinthians 9

1. Apparently, the Corinthian church had pledged, but not collected, a certain amount of money. Paul is reminding them and encouraging them to focus their attention on getting the rest of the funds gathered. Can you identify with the Corinthians? Have you ever fallen behind in your pledge to church? If so, what did you do?
 2. "God loves a cheerful giver." How does one become a cheerful giver? How can a Christian give wisely and with discernment? How do you know you can trust any ministry to which you give?
 3. Paul shares that when the saints receive the gift from the Corinthians, they will glorify God. Did you ever realize that your generosity would inspire others to glorify God? What earthly possession is that valuable?
- **Prayer: Jesus, thank You for showing me Your way of generosity that You were willing to take my sins and stand in my place and redeem me. Help me be generous as You are generous.**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

Read 2 Corinthians 10

1. In verse four, Paul describes a "stronghold." What is a stronghold? What, if any, strongholds are you fighting in your spiritual walk? What does Paul mean when he says we have divine power to destroy strongholds?
 2. In verse eight, Paul mentions his authority. From whom did he receive his authority? What was the authority of the Apostles? How is that authority exercised in the church today? What is the Office of the Keys?
 3. How does the Lord commend His followers? What does that "well done, thou good and faithful servant" mean to you?
- **Prayer: Lord, please forgive me of my pride and resistance to Your authority as held by church offices. Strengthen my faith that I may trust You and obey Your will in my life. Help me to be Your faithful servant.**
