

MISSIONS

2 Peter 3:9 *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

- Jesus _____ us to reach the whole world with the Gospel.
 - **Mark 16:15** *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*
 - **Acts 1:8** *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*
 - We are supposed to be soulwinners where _____ .
 - We are supposed to be soulwinners where we _____ .
 - Missions is simply reaching _____ with the Gospel where they are.
- Jesus _____ us to reach the whole world with the Gospel.
 - **Matthew 28:18-19** *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*
Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
- Missionaries are _____ by the Holy Spirit of God.
 - **Acts 13:1-2** *Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.*
As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.
- Missionaries are _____ by a local church.
 - **Acts 13:3** *And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.*
- Missionaries are supported _____ by local churches.
 - God's grace enables us to _____ to missions.
 - **2 Corinthians 8:1-2** *Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;*

How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

- The Christians in Macedonia had joy – and they wanted to share what changed their lives with others – so they gave to missions.
- When we are _____ to give to missions, God allows us to give more than we are able to give in our own power.
 - **2 Corinthians 8:3** *For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;*
 - God looks for people who are **willing** to give, and He provides more resources for them to be **able** to give.
 - **2 Corinthians 9:6** *But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.*
 - **Luke 6:38** *Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*
- When we give to missions, we are joined in _____ with the missionaries we support.
 - **2 Corinthians 8:4** *Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.*
- Before we give our money to missions we must give _____ to God.
 - **2 Corinthians 8:5** *And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.*
 - If you will surrender your life to God to do whatever He wants with it, giving to missions will be not only easy, but enjoyable!
- Giving is a _____ that God works into our life.
 - **2 Corinthians 8:6** *Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.*
- Giving is a grace that ought to _____ in our life just like any other grace abounds in our life when we grow as Christians.
 - **2 Corinthians 8:7 ¶** *Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.*
- The grace of giving proves the sincerity of our _____.
 - **2 Corinthians 8:8** *I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.*

- God proved the sincerity of His love when He left Heaven and came to this earth to pay the price for our sins.
- **John 3:16** *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*
- If Jesus could give up all His riches and become poor for us, we should be willing to give some of our riches so that other people in the world can have the opportunity to hear the Gospel and get saved also.
- **2 Corinthians 8:9** *For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.*
- Make a _____ to give to missions and follow through with it.
 - **2 Corinthians 8:10-11** *And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago. Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have.*
 - **2 Corinthians 9:7** *Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*
- God is not as interested in how _____ you give as He is in whether you are _____ to give.
 - **2 Corinthians 8:12** *For if there be first a **willing mind**, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.*
 - The most important part of missions giving is a willing mind.
 - If you are willing to let God give to missions through you, He will use you as a supply line for missions.
- Giving to _____ allows us to help other Christians do what they are doing while we continue to do what we are doing.
 - **2 Corinthians 8:13-14** *For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality:*
- Missionaries are supported _____ by local churches.
 - Much of the success on the mission field depends on the prayers of Christians at home.
 - **2 Thessalonians 3:1** *Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:*
- Missionaries are _____ to a local church.
 - We can't reach the world with the Gospel without missionaries.

- **Romans 10:13-15** *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?
And **how shall they preach, except they be sent?** as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!*