

TIP Sheet (Take It Personal)

Use the below questions to aid you in making personal application of our study in the Word.

Vital Sign: The Joy of Sharing **2 Corinthians 8 & 9**

1. The word “grace” appears 10 times in these chapters. Read the chapters and underline the occurrences of the word Grace. (In 8:4, 16; 9:15 a different word is used to translate the same Greek word.)
2. What does the word “grace” mean to you? How is it used in these two chapters?
3. What are three things “grace” should add to our view of giving?
4. Can you identify four vital signs from 2 Corinthians 8 & 9 of a “Fully Devoted Follower of Christ” as it relates to giving financially? Pastor Ed mentioned them in our Worship in the Word on Sunday morning. (8:1-2, 3-4, 5-9, 10-12). Can you find more than four?
5. How do verses 1-4 help you in determining your attitude towards sharing financially with others?
6. The word “fellowship” plays a significant role in being a fully devoted follower of Christ. It is the Greek word koinonia. (Acts 2:42) It is not always translated as fellowship. Read the following verses and pick out how it is used. 2 Corinthians 8:4; 9:13; Romans 12:13; Galatians 6:6; Hebrews 13:16; 1 Timothy 6:18.
7. Why should you think of giving financially as sharing rather than giving? What would you say is the difference? What do the verses in question 6 add to the differences?
8. What are the results of your obedience through sharing in the needs of others? (8:19; 9:11-12)
9. What has God impressed upon you from this study of His Word?