

Coming in First Place – the preeminence of Jesus Christ

“... so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything”(Colossians 1:18).

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Giving Ourselves to the Lord

Please read 2 Corinthians 9 (not our sermon text and consider the following thoughts and questions):

2 Corinthians 9:1-7

- What can we learn from the fact that Apostle Paul, after saying that he knows about their eagerness to help, still sends the brothers to the Corinthians to ensure that his boasting about them would not prove to be empty?
- Does this contradict v. 7?

2 Corinthians 9:6-10

- In what ways is it true in life that “he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully?”
- What are some areas that you have sown sparingly and areas that you have sown generously?
- Are there things you are doing “grudgingly or under compulsion?” How can you move towards being a cheerful giver?

2 Corinthians 9:10-15

- What is the purpose being enriched according to v. 11, and to what extent have you been faithful to this?
- Reflect on the relationship between your generosity and men giving praise to God. Has your life been characterized by the “obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all?”

2 Corinthians 9:12-14

- Reflect on Apostle Paul’s eager anticipation of how one church’s generosity and obedience will reverberate bless others – how does this apply to us?