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Theme Unit: Enduring Beliefs of the Church

Unit III: The Church and Its Teachings

Subject: Values, Money, and Experiences (Stewardship and Mission)

Printed Text: Acts 1: 6-8; 2 Corinthians 8: 3-9

Key verse: 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 (2 Corinthians 8: 9, KJV).

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) The Call to Mission (Acts 1: 6-8)
- 2) The Call to Stewardship (2 Corinthians 8: 3-9)

Introduction:

It is important to know that Christian mission and stewardship is the essential part of connecting what GOD expects from the church. It is worth noting that in the Bible, mission is the very task GOD gave the church to share the good news of salvation, and to help others grow in faith, and to live in a way that reflects Jesus Christ's character. This is known as the Great COMmission found in Matthew 28: 19-20, which sets the foundation for mission, and explains the church's purpose in the world. This command given by Jesus Christ is not optional, it gives the church its reason for existing, and supports GOD'S saving purpose, and it applies to every believer today. Now knowing that mission establishes the church's purpose; stewardship provides the essential means by which the church mission is sustained, and accomplished. Stewardship answers the very critical question, such as, "How can we fulfill the Great COMmission?" It is noted in the Bible, that Christian stewardship refers to the responsibility GOD has entrusted believers to manage all HE has placed under the believers care, that serve as a defining aspect of humanity's relationship with GOD (Read Genesis 2: 7-15). Knowing that salvation is GOD'S gracious gift to humanity through faith in HIS SON Jesus Christ; we believers must manage it faithfully and responsibly. Therefore, the faithful stewards must be responsible for the stewardship of one's time, spiritual gifts, talents, and material possessions which expresses obedience to Jesus Christ's mandate to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; and teaching them to observe all He (Jesus Christ) has commanded.

Lesson Pointer # 1:

- The Call to Mission (Acts 1: 6-8)

The Call to mission is Jesus Christ's final instructions to HIS disciples before Jesus Christ's ascension. Now, after Jesus Christ commanded them to remain in Jerusalem, and await the

baptism of the Holy Spirit; the disciples associated this event with the coming of the promised kingdom. Jesus Christ's disciples thought that Israel's national restoration was near; they asked of Jesus Christ, saying, LORD, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel (Acts 1: 6)? Jesus Christ response to them were, it is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power (Acts 1: 7). Jesus Christ instructed HIS disciples, saying, "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 (Acts 1: 8)." This is Jesus Christ's call to mission.

Lesson Pointer # 2:

- **The Call to Stewardship (2 Corinthians 8: 3-9)**

Paul after confronting the Corinthians about their failures and defending his authority as an apostle; Paul shift to the topic of the collection for suffering Christians in Jerusalem. In order for Paul to get his point over, Paul pointed to the generosity of the Macedonian churches. Even though they were very poor, they gave freely what they had and even begged to be part of helping the Jerusalem believers (2 Corinthians 8: 3-4). The very thing that stood out to Paul was that the Macedonians went beyond expectations; they gave themselves to the LORD, and then to Paul, they recognized GOD'S authority and Paul role as GOD'S servant (2 Corinthians 8: 5). Now, because of this Paul asked Titus, who had earlier helped start the collection, to encourage the Corinthians to complete what they had started, and to grow in their giving just as they had in other areas of faith (2 Corinthians 8: 6-7). Paul encouraged the Corinthians to treat his appeal as a chance to show their love and commitment to others; just as Macedonians had done; proving their sincerity of their love (2 Corinthians 8: 8). Paul stated, '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 (2 Corinthians 8: 9).

Values, Money, and Experiences (Stewardship and Mission)!

Nuggets of the Lesson:

- 1) **Mission and stewardship are the key parts of how the church functions.**
- 2) **Jesus Christ commanded HIS disciples to go into the world, share the Gospel, make disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and teach them to obey HIS commands.**
- 3) **Mission is the church's core calling and lines up with GOD'S purpose to save the world.**
- 4) **Stewardship supplies the resources. By giving generously, through money, time, skills, relationships, and spiritual gifts; which helps believers grow GOD'S kingdom, and reflects Jesus Christ's character of love that brings salvation.**