

SERMON OUTLINE JUNE 28, 2015

"What Does The Bible Say About Money?"

2 Corinthians 8:9

INTRODUCTION:

Old Comic Jack Benny – "Your money or your life."

- I. TWO CHAPTERS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT TALK ABOUT MONEY (2 Corinthians 8 & 9)
 - A. The background is famine plagued church in Jerusalem
 - B. The context is St. Paul leading a fund drive
 - C. The issue is Gentiles helping Jews (note: Acts 15)

II. PAUL TEACHES PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN GIVING

- A. God's grace is the basis of all our giving (8:1)
- B. Our giving is proportionate & sacrificial (8:3-4)
- C. First we give ourselves to the Lord (8:5)
- D. NOT: "if we, then God . . . BUT: because God, then we . . . "
- E. No other motivation than Jesus' sacrifice for us (8:9)
- F. Keep a promise to give (8:10-11)
- G. Care for others by giving (8:13-14)
- H. Joyful giving is an act of worship that honours God (8:19)

CONCLUSION: A total commitment: bacon & eggs church supper