



February 22, 2026

Sunday School | Bible Study

Stewardship & Mission

Scripture Acts 1:6–8

2 Corinthians 8:3–9



LESSON INTRODUCTION

The book of Acts begins with a dialog between Jesus and his apostles at the Mount of Olives before he ascends to heaven.

The apostles are given their mission and preparing for it, the chapters that follow reveal how that mission was carried out.

The Acts of the Holy Spirit empowered them to accomplish their mission.

BACKGROUND & CONTEXT

Jesus was crucified during the Passover in AD 30, rose from the dead, and appeared physically to his followers for some 40 days thereafter before his ascension.

Within the 40-day time of his appearance to his disciples, Jesus directs them to remain in Jerusalem and “wait for the gift my Father prom-ised,” the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4–5).

Lesson Aims

- 1. Understand The True Meaning of Stewardship according to the scripture.**
- 2. Identify characteristics of the generosity highlighted in 2 Corinthians 8:3–9.**
- 3. Commit to sharing God's generosity with others as often as possible.**

SELF - REFLECTION

What Life Mission has God blessed me with?

Am I properly fulfilling the Mission God Has Given me?

What Barriers exist??

How may I improve??



ACTS 1:6-7 NRSV

The Ascension of Jesus

6, So, when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”

7, He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.

ACTS 1:8 NRSV

8, But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,

and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1. God's timing is sovereign, beyond human control.**
- 2. We must exercise patience in faith.**
- 3. Our measure of time is Chronological – Chronos.**
- 4. God's timing is described as – Kairos "exact time".**
- 5. Operating in God's timing benefits our lives.**

KEY TERMS

The Holy Spirit's empowerment becomes the starting point for the church.

Exousia - Authority, right, jurisdiction

Dunamis - Power that is an inherent force.

Omnipotent – Unlimited power.

Witness- Observation: To experience an event.

Attestation- To testify to an event or document's authenticity.



QUESTIONS?

- 1. What practical steps will you take in the week ahead to become a more effective witness for the Lord???**
- 2. What training and resources will you need to assist you in this endeavor???**

2 CORINTHIANS 8:3–9 NRSV

The next segment of Scripture to study takes us into the middle of a relief project being managed by the apostle Paul.

The timeline indicates that the relief project was a plan spread over several years, given that Paul did not arrive back in Jerusalem until AD 58. (Acts 21:17; 24:17).

BACKGROUND & CONTEXT

Background: Apostle Paul writes to the Corinthian church encouraging generosity.

He highlights the Macedonian churches as examples of sacrificial giving despite hardship.

The focus is grace-filled Generosity modeled after Christ Himself.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:3–4 NRSV

³ For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means and even beyond their means,

4, begging us earnestly for the favor of partnering in this ministry to the saints,

2 CORINTHIANS 8:5,6 NRSV

5, and not as we expected. Instead, they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us,

6, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-8 NRSV

7, Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous,

8 I do not say this as a command, but I am, by mentioning the eagerness of others, testing the genuineness of your love.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9 NRSV

9. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1. True generosity flows from God's grace.**
- 2. The Macedonians gave joyfully even in poverty.**
- 3. Giving is an act of worship and partnership in ministry.**
- 4. Spiritual maturity includes generosity.**
- 5. Jesus Christ models ultimate sacrificial giving.**



QUESTIONS?

1. In what ways can you practice fellowship with other believers?

2. Digging Deeper

**Does unity result in fellowship,
or is it the other way around?**

Why?

Lesson Aims Review.

- 1. STEWARDSHIP = Ownership vs. Management:**
God owns everything (Psalm 24:1)
- 2. Responsibility over Resources:**
Managing finances, using spiritual gifts, serve others, utilize time wisely.
- 3. Faithfulness and Accountability:**
A steward must be trustworthy, diligent, and ultimately accountable to God.

LIFE APPLICATION

- 1. Wait on God's direction before acting.**
- 2. Depend on the Holy Spirit vs. personal strength.**
- 3. Keep your mission alive in community and work.**
- 4. Reflect Christ through humble service, giving, sacrifice and love.**

“Generosity is our response to God's grace.”

Next Sunday March 1st, 2026

Loving God & Loving Others

Devotional Reading: Psalm 141

Background Text: Romans 15:1–7; Philippians 2:1–8;

LESSON TEXT: Mark 12:28–34 | James 2:14–17

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