

Abounding in every thing

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Introduction

1. 2 Corinthians 8:7
2. With all the problems at Corinth, Paul lets them know there are some things right with them.
3. The immediate context of this passage is that of giving 2 Corinthians 8:1-5
 - a. Paul wanted them to know about giving, not all know about giving even today.
 - b. In the midst of this are these encouraging words.
4. Let us know that we too can be doing well in part of what God wants but we must be doing well in all of it. Mark 10:21
5. Let us notice what they were doing well in

II Discussion

1. In faith
 - a. The very foundation of religion Hebrews 11:1,6; 2 Peter 1:5
 - b. It must be real faith 2 Timothy 1:5
 - c. But that is not all there is 1 Corinthians 13:2
2. In Utterance
 - a. This word is used 326 times in the New Testament
 - b. Paul uses it in connection with his preaching 1 Corinthians 2:4,13
 - c. This could have reference to miraculous teaching 1 Corinthians 12:8
 - d. We must do the right kind of teaching or preaching 1 Corinthians 14:9,19
3. In knowledge
 - a. The correct knowledge with all the trimmings is a must 1 Corinthians 8:1
 - b. This too could have been miraculous knowledge 1 Corinthians 12:8
 - c. Just having knowledge is not enough 1 Corinthians 13:2,8
 - i. Do you want a doctor with just knowledge or one with some bed side manner?
4. In diligence
 - a. The readiness in the discharge of every duty
 - b. Jude 3 How Jude wrote
 - c. How we are to work at the Christian graces 2 Peter 1:5
5. In Love to us
 - a. The correct love is important John 5:42; Romans 12:9
 - b. Paul speaks of its importance 1 Corinthians 13:1-4, 8, 13
 - c. Love motivates us to do what we need to do John 14:21
6. Abound in the grace also
 - a. They were to overflow in this act of giving also. Used 2 times in our text
 - b. There is more to it than giving 2 Corinthians 8:1, 4, 6, 9, 19
 - c. There is grace that we want Ephesians 2:8 and that we must share with other!

III Conclusion

1. In our Christian life let us do well in all the God has for us to do
2. The Lord will tell us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" Matthew 25:21, 23
3. If we need to improve now is the time to make those improvements

Sources: PC study bible commentaries