Abounding in Everything

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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