

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

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ON MISSION TOGETHER



GROWTH GUIDE

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Together In Giving

Sending is not just about giving money to a missionary. It includes other aspects, such as logistics, prayer coordination, communications, research, finances, or re-entry coordinator.

Take a minute and evaluate your strength as a sender. A sender is someone who is financially and emotionally holding the ropes of a missionary. The missionary has to have funding, so they raise financial support either from churches, individuals or both. However, a sender can also be one who is emotionally supporting a missionary. They can do this through visiting the missionary on the field, sending care packages, praying or even emailing.

To give you a glimpse of how the church is doing in the role of sending, check out these numbers on the income and spending of the Church worldwide.

Global Income of Christians in US Dollars: \$42 Trillion

Given to Christian Causes (2% of total income) \$700 Billion

Given to Foreign Missions (only 6% of the 2% giving to Christian causes) \$45 bill.

Of all the Money Given to Foreign Missions:

87% goes for work among those already Christian.

12% goes for work among already evangelized non-Christians.

1% goes for work among people groups in the Unevangelized or Unreached category (\$450 Million) (Taken from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. <http://www.gcts.edu>)

That means that for every dollar earned by a Christian 1/100,000th goes to the unreached. Do you think that the Lord’s resources are being used strategically? If 88% of the World’s unreached peoples live in the 10/40 Window and so little money goes to the work there, what will it take to complete the Great Commission?

Take a look again at Romans 10:13-15. What does it mean in light of the role of sending? Can you see how important the sender is to the task of Global Evangelization?

Check out this verse from the Old Testament; “For the share of the man who goes down to battle shall be the same as the man who stays by the supplies; they both shall share alike” (1 Samuel 30:24). In this verse, David declared that the man who stayed behind to protect the belongings of those who went to war should receive the same reward as those that fought the battle. The actions of a sender are just as important as those that go. Hopefully, by understanding the Biblical importance of the sending, we can fully engage in it, knowing that the Lord will be pleased and that we are developing a strategic habit.

Source: <http://www.thetravelingteam.org/articles/practical-steps-to-grow-in-giving-to-missions>

KEY VERSE

II Corinthians 10:15

“not boasting of things beyond measure, that is, in other men’s labors, but having hope, that as your faith is increased, we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere ” NKJV

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: II Corinthians 10:13-18

Introduction

1. How would you rate yourself as a giver?
2. Describe the partnership that Paul had with the Corinthian church.

Tuesday: II Corinthians 10:13-14; Romans 10:13-15

The Priority Of Giving Is The Gospel

3. What impact does the Gospel have on your giving?
4. In what ways does your giving help to spread the Gospel?

Wednesday: II Corinthians 10:15a; Hebrews 11:1-6

The Foundation Of Giving Is Faith

5. What role does faith have in your giving?
6. Why is it difficult to trust God in the area of finances?

Thursday: II Corinthians 10:15b-16; Acts 1:8; Psalm 96:1-3

The Outcome Of Giving Is Growth

7. What is the connection between giving and the gospel advancing to the ends of the earth?
8. How can your giving impact Northern Virginia?
9. How can your giving impact the world?

Friday: II Corinthians 10:17-18; II Corinthians 9:7-11

The Attitude Of Giving Is Praise

10. What is the connection between giving and praise?
11. What does your giving say about the condition and direction of your heart?