

## 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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## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Bob and Patsy Green | Hispanic Ministries



### PRAISE

- Thank the Lord for the opportunity to celebrate Bob's 80th birthday.
- We were greatly encouraged by the opportunity to speak at Iglesia Bautista Marante Spartanburg, South Carolina. The Lord blessed the service.
- Bob was also appreciative of the opportunity to speak for a Spanish congregation in Cullman, Alabama. During that service, a young man accepted Christ as Savior.

### PRAY

- Pray that God will continue to bless our ministry and give us fruits that endure.
- Pray for two new booklets that will soon be published. "The Gift of Tongues" and a booklet on things that church members need to know about privileges and responsibilities.



Handout: 07/14/24

Study Date: 07/21/24

## Go With Generosity

Paul wrote in the previous verses that he refuses to participate in a popularity competition with his opponents in Corinth. He's not interested in scrabbling to be seen as the most impressive speaker or the best at self-promotion. These false teachers were competing according to the world's standards of comparison and measuring themselves against each other.

The mission given and empowered by God did not require Paul to prove himself worthy. He didn't need to worry about putting on a show, giving impressive performances. Also, Paul had already completed the task at hand. He had reached the Corinthians with the gospel of Jesus, and they had believed. That's all he had set out to do.

Paul adds now that he does not boast in work accomplished by others. He may mean that his opponents, the false teachers in Corinth, are attempting to claim the Corinthians as their own. This was despite the fact that Paul was the one who established the church there. He is the one who introduced the Corinthians to Christ, something they knew well.

Though the main task has been attained, Paul does not see his work as finished. His words here do not mean he has nothing left to do, now that those in the church in Corinth have come to Christ. Paul's hope is that as their faith grows, his influence for Christ among them will grow, as well. This may mean that he hopes to see more and more people come to faith in Christ or that he hopes that they will contribute to his ministry so that he can replicate in other places what he has accomplished, in God's power, among them.

Resource: [Bibleref.com](http://Bibleref.com)

## KEY VERSE

II Corinthians 10:15 (NKJV)

*“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.”*

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Monday: II Corinthians 10:15

#### Introduction

1. What can we learn from Paul in paragraphs 1 and 2 on pg. 1 regarding our approach towards teaching the Gospel? Do we need anyone’s approval?
2. How do you interpret the statement *“not boasting of things beyond measure, that is, in other men’s labors.”* What is Paul communicating here?

### Tuesday: II Corinthians 10:13-14; Acts 4:12; Luke 16:9

#### The Priority Of Generosity Is The Gospel

3. Paul states in II Corinthians 10:13 that he *“will not boast beyond measure.”* What glorious “gift” does Paul go on to deliver to the people in verse 14?
4. What fact does Acts 4:12 present to us as believers and what instructions does Luke 16:9 give us to follow regarding our salvation?

### Wednesday: II Cor. 10:15a; Heb. 11:1,6; Eccl. 5:4

#### The Foundation of Generosity Is Faith

5. What promise does Hebrews 11:6 make to *“those who diligently seek Him”*?
6. Ecclesiastes 5:4 commands us to *“pay what we have vowed.”* What action is this commandment calling YOU and I to as followers of Christ?

### Thursday: II Cor. 10:15b-16; Isa. 54:2; Acts 1:8; Rev. 5:9

#### The Outcome Of Generosity Is Growth

7. What is your interpretation of the words *“we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere”* in II Corinthians 10:15b. How should they “move” us?
8. Isaiah 54:2 tells us to *“Enlarge the place of your tent.”* What message is this conveying to us about opening our homes and our lives to others?
9. What action is Acts 1:8 calling us to in regard to reaching the unchurched?

### Friday: II Corinthians 10:17-18; Psalm 115:1; Psalm 50:14

#### The Attitude Of Generosity Is Praise

10. What “warning” does the scripture *“For not he who commends himself is approved”* in II Corinthians 10:18 hold for us as believers?
11. Psalm 115:1 begins; *“Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us.”* To “Whom” do we give all glory to and why?
12. According to Psalm 50:14 we are to *“Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.”* Is this always YOUR practice?