

"A Promised Gift" 2-Cor.9:5

- 1-What they did when they promised. *rather work*
about Sunday
- 1-They engaged to do some specified thing.
 - 2-They were will to show or suggest beforehand what they would do.
 - 3-They engaged to do; they engaged to give.
 - 4-They made a declaration to Paul which gave to him the right to expect or to claim the performance of a specified act.
- 2-Paul was concerned and in earnest about the whole matter.
- 3-The nature of the language indicates that:
- 1-The Corinthians had promised a large gift.
 - 2-It is evident that there had been, or that there was ground for fearing that there might be, some slackness of performance.
- 4-Paul wanted this to be a gift of their own and not a gift which he had wrung from them.
- 1-They had promised to give.
 - 2-Paul wanted the gift to be ready before he got there. THE GIFT THEY PROMISED.
- 5-Objections to a promised amount or gift.
- 1-It is no one's business what I give..
 - 1-To sustain this assertion they frequently quote and misuse Matthew 6:3
But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth.
 - 2-Jesus condemns unworthy motives in doing things.
 - 3-The motives should be:
 - 1-To help the needy in the name of Christ.
 - 2-The motive should be to glorify God and and not to glorify oneself.
- 6-One may do a good deed in public with the right motive. Under the right motive good deeds may be published. Jesus publicized the good deeds of
- 1-The poor widow; Mark 12:41-44.
 - 2-Barnabas: Acts 4:36-37.

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- 7-Is it wrong to promise what you will do in the matter of giving.
- 1-James 4:15:
For that ye ought to say if the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.
 - 2-It is not wrong to say that we will do certain definite things unless hindered by Providence.
 - 3-Above all remember that:
In early days there was the "afore-promised bounty."
- 8-It is the truth:
- 1-The church that gives is the church that lives.
 - 2-The church that bestows is the church that grows.
 - 3-The church that releases is the church that increases.
 - 4-The church that spends wisely is the church that wins.
 - 5-The church that keeps is the church that weeps.
 - 6-The church that holds is the church that molds.
 - 7-The church that squeezes is the church that wheezes.
 - 8-The church that grasps is the church that gasps.

