

## **Set Free Devotional #9**

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Wednesday, March 25 (1 Corinthians 16:2) “On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.”

You have to love Paul! He was so heavenly minded and yet so much down to earth in meeting problems. The Christians in Jerusalem were suffering. Drought, famine, and persecution does not make for a good day. There was a real human need with real children going to bed hungry and parents unable to do anything about it, while the cries tortured their hearts. There was a real sense of loss and brothers and sisters died while you wondered if your family was next. And they prayed. Oh, did they pray! God heard.

God laid it on Paul’s heart how to meet the needs of believers in Jerusalem . Others who could from across the Eastern Mediterranean area could plan, save and give to meet the need elsewhere. Plan, save and give so that God’s people could live and share Jesus with others. What an inspired insight into solving the problem, plan, save and give.

What could God do with us if we prayed, heard God’s plan, saved as He directed and gave as He asked? What change would be worked in our part of the world (here in Kansas City and beyond)? The outcome would be as limitless as the Grace and Power of God! What problems would be solved and how much honor could we bring to Him?

God works in mysterious ways. God also works through the simple and direct when we pray, listen, plan, save and give at His direction. Hey, what’s God sharing with you right now?

### **Suggested Prayer:**

“Our Father, teach us to walk in the paths of righteousness for your name’s sake. Make us humble before you and willing to not only hear but to gladly obey your will in all things. Speak to us, oh God, of what you would do through us and may your will alone be done in me. Amen”