

Sabbath School Lessons.

Nov. 12. THE GRACE OF LIBERALITY.

Lesson, 2 Cor. 8: 1-12 Gol. Text, 2 Cor. 8: 9.  
Memory vs. 7-9. Catechism 60-62.

HOME READINGS.

- M. 1 Cor. 16: 1-21 The Collection for the Saints.
- T. 2 Cor. 7: 1-16 Paul's Confidence in the Corinthians
- W. 2 Cor. 8: 1-17 The Grace of Liberty.
- Th. 2 Cor. 8: 13-21 Mutual Aid and Supply.
- F. 2 Cor. 9: 1-15. A Cheerful Giver.
- S. Psalm 112: 1-10. A Good Man Sheweth Favor.
- S. Prov. 11: 24-31. Liberty Rewarded.

*Helps in Studying*—1. *Do you to wit—* "make known to you" the grace of God as shown in the giving of the Macedonian churches. 2. *Abounded* though persecuted and poor, they had given largely for others. See Mark 12: 43, 44; Luke 21: 3, 4. 3. *Of themselves* of their own accord, beyond their ability, and with many prayers they gave. 5. *Not as we hoped*—they went beyond our hopes. 7. *In this grace*—of liberal giving. 8. *Not by commandment*—not in the way of command. It was willing giving he wished. 6. *Rich*—in all the glories of heaven. *Poor*—despised, persecuted, and at last crucified. *Ye... might be rich* in the perfect bliss and holiness of heaven. 10. *I give advice*—"I advise you to make the collection, for this giving to the poor is profitable to you." 11. *Perform the doing*—"complete the doing."

What is the title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Memory verses? Catechism?

I. *Giving out of Poverty*, vs. 1-6. What was the condition of the Macedonian Christians? How had they given out of their poverty?

II. *Giving Abundantly*, vs. 7-8.—What did Paul exhort the Corinthians to do? In what graces had they abounded? Meaning of *abound in this grace also*? What led Paul to give this advice? See ch. 9: 2-5.

III. *Giving as Christ Gave*, vs. 9-12.—By what example did Paul enforce his counsel? How had Christ given? How did he for our sakes become poor? How are we made rich by his poverty? What further advice did Paul give the Corinthians? In what measure should we give? With what spirit? What will render even the smallest gift acceptable?

1. We should be kind to all in distress?
2. We should show our kindness of feeling by kindness of acts in supplying their wants.
3. We should be cheerful, prompt and liberal in our giving.
4. Liberty in giving blesses the giver as well as the receiver.
5. We should give ourselves, our all, to Him who loved us and gave himself for us.

Nov. 19. IMITATION OF CHRIST.

Les., Eph. iv., 20-32. Gol. Text, Eph. iv. : 32.  
Memory vs. 30-32. Catechism, 63-66.

HOME READINGS.

- M. Eph. 3: 1-1. The Love which Passeth Knowledge.
- T. Eph. 4: 1-9 Warning against the Sins of the Gen.
- W. Eph. 4: 26-21 Imitation of Christ. (files.)
- Th. Eph. 5: 1-3. Walk in Love, as Christ Loved Us.
- F. Phil. 2: 1-16. Christ our Example.
- S. John 13: 1-17. An Example of Humility.
- S. Matt. 18: 23-35. The Punishment of the Unforgiving.

QUESTIONS.

*Introductory.*—Where was Ephesus? What have you learned of Paul's labors in that city? When and where did he last meet the elders of Ephesus? What farewell counsels did he give them? Title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Memory verses? Catechism?

I. *Righteousness and Holiness*, vs. 20-24.—What cautions did Paul give in the verses preceding our lesson passage? What was the moral condition of other Gentiles? In what respect were those whom Paul addressed different? What did he exhort them to do? Meaning of the *old man*? What were they to put on? Meaning of the *new man*? How is the new man described? What does the apostle say in 2 Cor. 5: 17? What is effectual calling?

II. *Truth and Honesty*, vs. 25-28.—What is Paul's counsel about truthfulness? What reason does he give for speaking the truth? What is his counsel about anger and wrath? What must the one who has been dishonest do? What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?

III. *Kindness and Forgiveness*, vs. 29-32.—How are we to guard our words? What solemn caution is given in verse 30? How may the Holy Spirit be grieved? What work of the Holy Spirit is here mentioned? What practical duties enjoined in verses 31 and 32? By what example of forgiveness are they enforced? What do we pray for in the fifth petition of the Lord's Prayer?

PRACTICAL LESSONS LEARNED.

1. Receive Christ as your teacher and learn of him.
2. Seek the renewing, sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit.
3. Live a new life of righteousness and holiness.
4. Be pure, truthful and honest in all your words and ways.
5. Be kind and tender-hearted, forgiving one another even as God in Christ forgave you.