

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

As you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you-- so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has-- not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but **it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need,** so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’ - Isaiah 6:8

ASP theme—Call(ed) to Action

- Last year, 16,231 volunteers served with ASP, providing critical repairs for 493 families
- Since 1969, 393,643 volunteers from across the nation have repaired 17,866 homes

An expression of purpose, service, and invitation to participate in God's ongoing work in the world and reflects this summer's theme verse: Isaiah 6:8. God sends out the call, and God's people are the called.

We are called to stand with those who are hurting and struggling. We are called to speak on behalf of those who do not have a voice. We are called to serve all people—“right where they are, just the way they are.”

Preaching: bring an awareness that the Spirit is indeed loose in the church.

God can overcome boundaries such as this in Paul's day, surely the Spirit can act in new and startling ways in our churches today. How will the Spirit ask us to make use of our time, our talents, and our resources to display the gospel in our world?