## Word Study: tzedakah (H6666)

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Choose one of the following scriptures and explain *“Tzedakah”* in the correct context. (Exodus 34:6-7, Isaiah 57:12, Ezekiel 14:12-14 & 20, Psalms 37:21, Daniel 4:24(27), Matthew 5:16, Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, 1 John 2:29)

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## Chapter 9 Questions

**V2b:** *“…and it was your zeal that stirred up most of them...”* (1 Th. 1:8) The believers of Achaia was not only inspiring for Sha’ul, but for others who heard of their readiness of obedience. This good influence even in posthumous (Heb 11.4) is to bring others to the joy of determination. (Pr 27.17, 1Th 5.11, Heb 10.24, 25; Col 3.16)

* Do you stop pursuing what is right forgetting that others are being influence by your actions?

**Vs 3-5:** Sha’ul boasting about Corinth in their giving would have seem hollow, if they were to find the collection still incomplete, it would be humiliating to both him and the Corinthians-The Apostle so much identifies himself with his converts that he feels the disgrace would be his; and if it was not complete before his return then one would give grudgingly rather that graciously since the time for spontaneous giving would have passed.

* When others prompt you to complete your assignment, do you feel stressed and dejected rather than encouraged, not knowing that they want you to discharge the integrity of Adonai and not undergo deficiency?

**Vs. 6-12:** This portion of scripture reflects the vulnerability of the 1st century believer-a world of famine and persecution, some losing their livelihood. Therefore giving was a response to the needs of many, it expressed ones trust in Adonai and His ability to meet ones needs and it stimulates prayer and praise. Yet, to the carnal mind giving to charity seems empty, but when giving with the proper perspective, it is seed sown for Adonai’s glorification. It is an offering given through careful thought and bountifully, reaping in proportion to what you have sown, spiritual as well as material.

* Do you allow Adonai to direct your giving?

**Vs. 13-15:** *“In offering this service you prove to these people that you glorify G-d by actually doing what your acknowledgement of the Good News of the Messiah requires, namely sharing generously with them …Thanks be to G-d for his indescribable gift!”* The Jerusalem Believers will recognize that this generous gift owes its origin to the surpassing grace and mercy of Adonai in the Corinthians, just as Macedonia-The Apostle is lead to think of the Messiah, Adonai’s inexpressibly generous gift.

* When generosity is shown to you, do you recall the generosity of the Father?
* Many Preachers in the prosperity ministry have claimed that their people give to the Lord while they are profiting from their perverted corrupt teaching of the word; have you fell for this unholy teaching? (Ps 10:1, Isa 44.20, Jer. Chap. 10; esp. v 14; 51:17, Hab. 2.19)