

16 – MORE ADVICE CONCERNING GIVING (2 CORINTHIANS 8:10-24)

I. Advice Concerning Giving (2 Corinthians 8:10-15)

A. The Prior Commitment (2 Corinthians 8:10)

- Paul reminds the Corinthians of their prior commitment to give.

B. The Encouragement to Follow Through (2 Corinthians 8:11)

- Paul encourages them to complete the task that they set out to do.

C. The Standard of Giving (2 Corinthians 8:12)

- Paul is not telling them to give what the Macedonians gave.
- Rather he is asking that they give proportionately to what they have.

D. The Guiding Principle (2 Corinthians 8:13-15)

1. Not a Burden (2 Corinthians 8:13)

- Paul does not want them to be burdened so that others might have ease.

2. A Matter of Equality (2 Corinthians 8:14)

- In their present abundance, they should help those in need.
- When they are in need, they who have abundance will help them.

3. The Scriptural Principle (2 Corinthians 8:15)

- Paul uses the illustration of God giving manna in the wilderness.
- They should ensure that there is an equality of needs among the churches.

II. Commendation of God's Stewards (2 Corinthians 8:16-24)

A. The Commendation of Titus (2 Corinthians 8:16-17)

1. Titus' Care for Them (2 Corinthians 8:16)

- Paul thanks God for the fact that Titus cared for the Corinthians.

2. Titus' Volition (2 Corinthians 8:17)

- Paul points out that Titus went to them on his own volition.

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B. The Commendation of the Unnamed Brother (2 Corinthians 8:18-19)

1. The Brother's Reputation (2 Corinthians 8:18)

- Titus is accompanied by a brother who is known by all the churches.

2. The Brother's Responsibility (2 Corinthians 8:19)

- Paul points out that the brother was chosen to accompany the gifts.

C. Concerning the Collection (2 Corinthians 8:20-21)

- Paul states that this was done so that the integrity of the gift was guarded.

D. The Commendation of the Second Unnamed Brother (2 Corinthians 8:22)

- Paul states that he is sending another brother who has great integrity.

E. A General Commendation of All Three (2 Corinthians 8:23)

- Paul identifies all three brothers as a part of his ministry and his representatives.

F. The Encouragement (2 Corinthians 8:24)

- Paul wanted them to demonstrate the reputation of love they had.