

# One Mission Giving

2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5

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**BIG IDEA:** One mission giving requires vision, integrity, and readiness.

## I. Giving requires vision (8:16-19)

### A. Titus was gripped with vision (8:16-17)

**2 Corinthians 8:16-17** | But thanks be to God, who put into the heart of Titus the same earnest care I have for you. For he not only accepted our appeal, but being himself very earnest he is going to you of his own accord.

### B. The churches were gripped with vision (8:18-19)

**2 Corinthians 8:18-19** | With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his preaching of the gospel. And not only that, but he has been appointed by the churches to travel with us as we carry out this act of grace that is being ministered by us, for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our good will.

**1 Corinthians 16:1** | Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do.

## II. Giving requires integrity (8:20-24)

**2 Corinthians 8:20-24** | We take this course so that no one should blame us about this generous gift that is being administered by us, for we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man. And with them we are sending our brother whom we have often tested and found earnest in many matters, but who is now more earnest than ever because of his great confidence in you. As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for your benefit. And as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. So give proof before the churches of your love and of our boasting about you to these men.

### *Why is it vital to have integrity in handling money?*

**2 Corinthians 8:21** | for we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man.

### *Who should give leadership to the finances within the church?*

**2 Corinthians 8:24** | So give proof before the churches of your love and of our boasting about you to these men.

## III. Giving requires readiness (9:1-5)

### A. Generous giving stirs others to be ready (9:1-2)

**2 Corinthians 9:1-2** | Now it is superfluous for me to write to you about the ministry for the saints, for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the people of Macedonia,

saying that Achaia has been ready since last year. And your zeal has stirred up most of them.

**1 Corinthians 16:3-4** | And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.

**B. Generous giving requires accountability to be ready (9:3-5)**

**2 Corinthians 9:3-5** | But I am sending the brothers so that our boasting about you may not prove empty in this matter, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be. Otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—for being so confident. So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction.

**Benediction | Matthew 6:19-21**

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.