

# L19: 2 Corinthians 8:11-24: Abundant & Abounding Grace Pt. 2

## Sermon Review: Review/Summarize

- Paul's confidence in Corinthians in all things
- Grace of God in Grace Giving
- Macedonia Example
  - Philippians - giving and receiving but Philippians only
  - Romans 15:25-29
- Spiritual Things
  - 2 Cor. 3 - New Testament (spirit & life)
  - 2 Cor. 8:9 - Christ

## Sermon Preview:

- Willingness to Performance upon the Mind of Christ
- Equality of Abundance and Want
- Honest Messengers & Operation to the Glory of Christ

## Sermon:

### Willingness to Performance upon the Mind of Christ

- **2 Corinthians 8:11-13**  
**(11) Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have.**
  - **"Now therefore"** - argument conclusion
  - **"perform"** - to execute, fulfill, perfect; To do; to execute; to accomplish
    - Rom. 15:28
  - **"the doing of it"** - execute the tangible matter not just the mind matter
    - "that as there was a readiness to will" - to will
    - "so there may be a performance also" - to do
      - ◻ Philippians 2:13
    - **"out of that which ye have."**
      - ◻ That which they do possess

**(12) For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.**

- **"for if there be first a willing mind"**
  - Renewing of the mind lead to willing
- **"it is accepted according to that a man hath"**
  - **"it"** - the willing mind
  - **"is accepted"** - agreeable for exchange
  - **"according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not."**
    - If the man doesn't have a willing mind then not accepted
    - If the man does have a willing mind then to be accepted
  - Romans 12:8
    - "he that giveth let him do it with simplicity"

**(13) For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened:**

- **"For I mean not that other men be eased"** - rest, freedom from burden
- **"and ye burdened:"** - a labor, a difficulty, a lack of ease

**Equality of Abundance and Want**

**(14) But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality:**

- **"But by an equality"** - An agreement of things in dimensions, quantity or quality
  - Not always going to be an equality in quantity, but in dimensions
    - Supply from abundance to the want
- **"that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want"**
  - Corinthians give out of their abundance to the want of the poor saints at Jerusalem
- **"that their abundance also may be a supply for your want:"**
  - They do not have an abundance, nor do the Corinthians have a want

**(15) As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack.**

- "as it is written" - comparison issue

- Exodus 16:16
  - "every man according to his eating" - (:4 - certain rate)
    - "omer for every man, according to number of persons...in his tents"
      - (4 people in tent - 4 omers)
      - One omer per person
- Exodus 16:17
  - "some more, some less"
    - Some had more in their tents than others in their tents
- Exodus 16:18
  - "mete the omer"
    - He that gathered much had nothing over
    - He that gathered little had no lack
  - They gathered every man according to his eating

### **Honest Messengers & Operation to the Glory of Christ**

#### **2 Corinthians 8:16-24**

**(16) But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you.**

- Paul has the care for the Corinthians for this to be done within them
- Titus has the same earnest care too

**(17) For indeed he accepted the exhortation; but being more forward, of his own accord he went unto you.**

- Accepted Paul's appeal, but going upon his own accord
  - First give yourself to God
  - First willing of yourselves
  - Performance

**(18) And we have sent with him the brother, whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches;**

- Two witnesses

**(19) And not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of your ready mind:**

- The brother has been selected by the church for this specific office within this operation
- Administered by us to the glory of the same Lord
  - Partake in the operation too to the glory of the Lord

**(20) Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is**

**administered by us:**

- **"avoiding this"** - letting love be with dissimulation
- **"that no man should blame us in this abundance"** - no one would think they are doing it for themselves or that it is wrong

**(21) Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.**

- Honest things - Romans 12:17
- Romans 14:17-18

**(22) And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have oftentimes proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, upon the great confidence which I have in you.**

- Three witnesses
  - Titus
  - Brother whose praise is in the gospel
  - Brother, whom often proved diligent in many things
- **"great confidence which I have in you."**
  - According to 2 Corinthians 7

**(23) Whether any do enquire of Titus, he is my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren be enquired of, they are the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ.**

- Almost like these two were more known than Titus
- Titus' credentials:
  - Paul's partner
  - Fellow-helper
  - Messengers of the churches
  - Messengers of the glory of Christ

**(24) Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf.**

- Arrangements made, honest, exhorted, equality, perform the proof of your love
  - **"the proof of your love"** - 2 Cor. 8:8
  - **"the proof...of our boasting on your behalf."** - 2 Cor. 7:14-16

**Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize**