Returning to the Authentic Gospel The Accountability with Grace Giving 2 Corinthians 8:16-24

Because grace giving is a <u>REFLECTION</u> of the <u>HEART</u>, it must be handled with a <u>PROTECTION</u> of the <u>HEART</u>

1. <u>RELIABILITY</u> in <u>COLLECTING</u> Grace Giving

2 Corinthians 8:16–19 (ESV) — 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. 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.

2 Corinthians 8:22 (ESV) — 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.

Approved by Paul

Accepted among the churches

Appointed by the churches

Matthew 6:24 (ESV) — No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

2. INTEGRITY in HANDLING Grace Giving

2 Corinthians 8:20–21 (ESV) — 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.

Acts 24:16 (ESV) — So I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward both God and man.

3. <u>RESPONSIBILITY</u> in <u>PROVIDING</u> Grace Giving

2 Corinthians 8:23–24 (ESV) — 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.

- > The <u>THIEF</u> What's <u>YOURS</u> is <u>MINE</u>, I'll <u>TAKE</u> it
- > The SELFISH What's MINE is MINE, I'll KEEP it

> The <u>BELIEVER</u> - What's <u>MINE</u> is <u>GOD'S</u>, I'll STEWARD it

Proverbs 19:17 (ESV) — Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.

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