

The Epistles of Paul to the Corinthians

II Corinthians-Chapter 8

I. Giving Until It Hurts

- A. The generosity of the saints (1-6)
- B. Excel in giving as in other acts of love (7)
- C. Finish what you started (8-12)

II. Equality in Giving

- A. Plenty for one is help for another (13-15)
- B. Receive Titus and others who will bring the offering (16-24)

Summary

Paul stresses the importance of giving and giving generously. As he notes, there can be criticism if the offering is not handled as it should be, so he takes time to explain the role of Titus and others who have been chosen to oversee the offering and administering it to the church. Here, Paul commends the church for its forward thinking and acts of love.

Key message:

Study Questions:

1. What is important about Titus' role in this letter?
2. What are challenges in today's church when it comes to giving and handling the offering?

Notes: