



**“AIM AT WHAT IS HONORABLE. ”**

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**2 Corinthians 8:18-24**

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

18 With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his preaching of the gospel. 19 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.

20 We take this course so that no one should blame us about this generous gift that is being administered by us, 21 for we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man.

22 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. 23 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. 24 So give proof before the churches of your love and of our boasting about you to these men.

**2 Corinthians 8:16-24 (ESV)**

### **3 Godly Outcomes of Cross-Shaped Generosity**

You Honor God

You Reflect His Grace

You Partner with Churches Before and After You

#### **Passage Outline**

Paul's Commendations, Part 1	2 Cor. 8:16-19
Paul's Honorable Aim	2 Cor. 8:20-21
Paul's Commendations, Part 2	2 Cor. 8:22-23
Paul's Instruction	2 Cor. 8:24

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#### **Key Terms:**

Grace (Salvation, Generosity, Ministry) - 10x in ch.'s 8-9

Earnest (Intense Sincerity for God, the Church, and Generosity) - 8x in ch.s' 7-8

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1 Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. 2 On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come. 3 And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. 4 If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.

1 Corinthians 16:1-4 (ESV)

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2 Corinthians 8:20-21 (ESV)

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2 Corinthians 8:22-23 (ESV)

### **We Aim at What is Honorable in the...**

- Sight of God.
- Sight of Others.

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2 Corinthians 8:24 (ESV)

### **How TBC Aims at Honorable Stewardship**

- Accountability
- Boundaries
- Commitments

1 This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 (ESV)

### **How's Your Aim?**

- Do you view giving as an act of grace?
- Is honoring God your motive?
- Who is holding you accountable?
- Have you set boundaries?
- What are your commitments?