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Paul concluded the last chapter saying:

What sweet victory!

I rejoice that in everything I have confidence in you. In all to bring together, yourselves were innocent in this matter. To this time the congregation in Corinth still had not supported Paul.

Principles for Giving,

¹ Now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace God gave to the assemblies in Macedonia;

² How that during a severe trial by trouble, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

³ Because I can testify according to their ability, yes, and even beyond their ability they gave of their own accord;

⁴ they begged us earnestly for the opportunity of sharing in the ministry to support the saints.

⁵ And not just as we hoped. But they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God.

⁶ So we urged Titus, that just he began, so he should also complete among you this gracious deed.

Reasons for Giving,

⁷ Now just as you excel in everything -- in faith, speech, knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love for us; see that you also excel in this gracious deed.

⁸ I do not say this as a command. Rather by means of the diligence of others, I am testing your genuine love.

⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich for your sake; He became poor, that by His poverty you might become rich.

¹⁰ And in this matter, I give my advice: because it is for your benefit, who first began last year, not only to do something, but also desired to do it.



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¹¹ **Now also finish the task;** that just as there was an eager desire to begin, there is also a desire to complete it.

¹² For if the eagerness is present, **it is acceptable according to what you have;** not according to what you do not have.

¹³ **For it is not that there should be relief of others, and hardship for you:**

¹⁴ **but by way of equality,** that at this time your surplus may supply their need, so that their abundance may in turn supply your need:

¹⁵ as it is written, **He who gathered much did not have too much; and he who gathered little did not have too little.** – Exodus 16:18

¹⁶ But thanks be to God, who puts the same concern for you, in the heart of Titus.

¹⁷ For indeed he welcomed our appeal; but being diligent, went to you on his own accord.

¹⁸ We sent with him the brother, who is praised among all the assemblies for his gospel ministry;

¹⁹ And not only that, but he was chosen by the assemblies to accompany us with this gracious gift, that we are administering for the glory of the Lord Himself, to show our eagerness to help:

²⁰ we are taking caution so that no one criticizes us about this large amount we are administering:

²¹ Indeed we give careful thought to do what is right, not only before the Lord, but also before the people.

²² And we have also sent with them our brother. We have often tested him in many matters, and found him diligent – and even more so due to his great confidence in you.

²³ As for Titus, he is my partner and coworker for you: as for our brothers, they are the messengers of the assemblies – the glory of Christ / the Messiah.

²⁴ So publicly show them before the assemblies, the proof of your love, and our reason to brag about you.

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