

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: October 20, 2019
2 Corinthians 8:16-9:15

1. Why does Paul thank God for Titus, according to 8:16-17?
 - a. God put the same concern for the Corinthians in Titus's heart as was in Paul's heart.
 - b. He welcomed their appeal.
 - c. He is coming with much enthusiasm and on his own initiative.

2. Who, according to 8:18-19, did Paul send along with Titus? _____

3. Can your leaders (pastors, lay pastors, etc.) in the church thank God for you the way Paul thanks God for Titus? Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____

What about this other 'brother'? Can you be described like him? _____

4. Why, according to verses 8:20-24, do they entrust these people of high esteem with the offering? _____

5. How, according to 8:17-24, is the gift (offering) going to be collected, carried, and administered?
 - a. They have a first-time visitor collect it and then hand it somebody who has a history of thievery.
 - b. By trustworthy men who are chosen by Paul and the other churches.
 - c. They just do what God says regardless of what the church thinks.
 - d. They are "taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man."
 - e. They do their best to do what God says under the observation and accountability of godly people and are forthright with what is done so that they seem trustworthy to the people.

6. What does Paul say about his expectations of this church in 9:1-5?
 - a. His experience with them in the past was that they were generous and eager to give.
 - b. He has been boasting about their eagerness to other believers.
 - c. If others came with him and noticed something other than eagerness to be generous, he (and they) would be ashamed of having been so confident.

7. What does Paul remind the church of in 9:6-15?
 - a. That when you "sow sparingly" you will "reap sparingly" and when you "sow generously" you will "reap generously" (in other words, if you are stingy you will never have enough, but if you are generous you will always have plenty).
 - b. That they should give what they decided in their heart to give and give it cheerfully and not reluctantly or under compulsion.
 - c. "God is able to bless you abundantly" and "You will be enriched in every way" so that you can always be generous.
 - d. Your giving supplies the needs of the Lord' people, but also shows thanks to God.
 - e. Your giving is an act of obedience

8. Are you generous or stingy with the resources God has given you? _____