

47_2CO_08_01 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;

47_2CO_08_02 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

47_2CO_08_03 For to [their] power, I bear record, yea, and beyond [their] power [they were] willing of themselves;

47_2CO_08_04 Praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift, and [take upon us] the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

47_2CO_08_05 And [this they did], not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

47_2CO_08_06 Inasmuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.

47_2CO_08_07 Therefore, as ye abound in every [thing, in] faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and [in] all diligence, and [in] your love to us, [see] that ye abound in this grace also.

47_2CO_08_08 I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.

47_2CO_08_09 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

47_2CO_08_10 And herein I give [my] advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago.

47_2CO_08_11 Now therefore perform the doing [of it]; that as [there was] a readiness to will, so [there may be] a performance also out of that which ye have.

47_2CO_08_12 For if there be first a willing mind, [it is] accepted according to that a man hath, [and] not according to that he hath not.

47_2CO_08_13 For [I mean] not that other men be eased, and ye burdened:

47_2CO_08_14 But by an equality, [that] now at this time your abundance [may be a supply] for their want, that their abundance also may be [a supply] for your want: that there may be equality:

47_2CO_08_15 As it is written, He that [had gathered] much had nothing over; and he that [had gathered] little had no lack.

47_2CO_08_16 But thanks [be] to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you.

47_2CO_08_17 For indeed he accepted the exhortation; but being more forward, of his own accord he went unto you.

47_2CO_08_18 And we have sent with him the brother, whose praise [is] in the gospel throughout all the churches;

47_2CO_08_19 And not [that] only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and [declaration of] your ready mind:

47_2CO_08_20 Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us:

47_2CO_08_21 Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

47_2CO_08_22 And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have oftentimes proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, upon the great confidence which [I have] in you.

47_2CO_08_23 Whether [any do inquire] of Titus, [he is] my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren [be inquired of, they are] the messengers of the churches, [and] the glory of Christ.

47_2CO_08_24 Wherefore show ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf.