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Generosity: Evidence of a Spirit Filled Life 慷慨捐助-圣灵引领生命的见证

1 John 3:16-19 *“By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? 18My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. 19And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.”* 约翰一书 3:16 主为我们舍命，我们从此就知道何为爱，我们也当为弟兄舍命。3:17 凡有世上财物的，看见弟兄穷乏，却塞住怜恤的心，爱神的心怎能存在他里面呢？3:18 小子们哪，我们相爱，不要只在言语和舌头上，总要在行为和诚实上。3:19 从此就知道我们是属真理的，并且我们的心在神面前可以安稳。

1. The Example of the MACEDONIAN CHURCHES 马其顿教会的榜样

哥林多后书8:1 弟兄们，我把 神赐给马其顿众教会的恩告诉你们，8:2 就是他们在患难中受大试炼的时候，仍有满足的快乐；在极穷之间，还格外显出他们乐捐的厚恩。8:3 我可以证明：他们是按着力量，而且也过了力量，自己甘心乐意地捐助，8:4 再三地求我们，准他们在这供给圣徒的恩情上有份。8:5 并且他们所作的，不但照我们所想望的，更照 神的旨意，先把自己献给主，又归附了我们。

A. They gave WITHOUT EXCUSES 他们无论身处任何境况都在捐助（哥林多后书8:2就是他们在患难中受大试炼的时候，仍有满足的快乐；在极穷之间，还格外显出他们乐捐的厚恩。）

B. They gave JOYFULLY 他们喜乐的捐助（哥林多后书8:2）

C. They gave SACRIFICIALLY, VOLUNTARILY, ABUNDANTLY 他们无私地、自愿地、丰盛地捐助（哥林多后书8:3我可以证明：他们是按着力量，而且也过了力量，自己甘心乐意地捐助，）

D. They INITIATED THE GIFT 他们请求去捐助（哥林多后书8:4再三地求我们，准他们在这供给圣徒的恩情上有份。）

E. They gave FROM THE HEART 他们的捐助是发自内心的（哥林多后书8:5并且他们所作的，不但照我们所想望的，更照神的旨意，先把自己献给主，又归附了我们。）

2. **The Example of JESUS (2 Cor.8:9) 耶稣基督的榜样**（哥林多后书8:9 你们知道我们主耶稣基督的恩典；他本来富足，却为你们成了贫穷，叫你们因他的贫穷，可以成为富足。）

A. He gave HIS LIFE他献上自己的生命

B. He gave his life SO WE COULD LIVE 因他的献身使我们得生命

3. **Advice, Purpose & Principle behind Generosity 关于慷慨捐助的建议、目的和原则** (哥林多后书8:10 我在这事上把我的意见告诉你们，是与你们有益，因为你们下手办这事，而且起此心意已经有一年了，8:11 如今就当办成这事。既有愿作的心，也当照你们所有的去办成，8:12 因为人若有愿作的心，必蒙悦纳，乃是照他所有的，并不是照他所无的。8:13 我原不是要别人轻省，你们受累，8:14 乃要均平，就是要你们的富余，现在可以补他们的不足，使他们的富余，将来也可以补你们的不足，这就均平了。8:15 如经上所记：“多收的也没有余，少收的也没有缺。)

A. The Advice is - ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS 建议 - 行动胜于空谈 (哥林多后书8:10)

B. The Purpose is - TO LEARN SACRIFICIAL GIVING 目的-学会无私的捐助(哥林多后书8:13,14)

C. The Principle is - LEARN CONTENTMENT 原则-学会满足(哥林多后书8:15)

4. **The Example of VETTED CHURCH LEADERS 教会领导者的榜样**

哥林多后书 **8:16** 多谢 神，感动提多的心，叫他待你们殷勤，像我一样。8:17 他固然是听了我的劝，但自己更是热心，情愿往你们那里去。8:18 我们还打发一位兄弟和他同去。这人在福音上得了众教会的称赞。8:19 不但这样，他也被众教会挑选和我们同行，把所托与我们的这捐资送到了，可以荣耀主，又表明我们乐意的心。8:20 这就免得有人因我们收的捐银很多，就挑我们的不是。8:21 我们留心行光明的事，不但在主面前，就在人面前，也是这样。8:22 我们又打发一位兄弟同去。这人的热心，我们在许多事上屡次试验过。现在他因为深信你们，就更加热心了。8:23 论到提多，他是我的同伴，一同为你们劳碌的。论到那两位兄弟，他们是众教会的使者，是基督的荣耀。8:24 所以你们务要在众教会面前显明你们爱心的凭据，并我所夸奖你们的凭据。

A. Titus – as a CARING LEADER WITH INTEGRITY 提多-一个有爱心诚信的领导者 (哥林多后书8:16,17)

B. Unnamed church leader – known for PURE TEACHING 一个不知名的教会领导者-只知他是一位教导者 (哥林多后书8:18)

C. Paul the Apostle使徒保罗

2 Corinthians 8:1-24 “Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: 2that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. 3For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, 4imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. 5And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God. 6So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well. 7But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you abound in this grace also. 8I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others. 9For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. 10And in this I give advice: It is to your advantage not only to be doing what you began and were desiring to do a year ago; 11but now you also must complete the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to desire it, so there also may be a completion out of what you have. 12For if there is first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have. 13For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened; 14but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may supply their lack, that their abundance also may supply your lack—that there may be equality. 15As it is written, “He who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack.” 16But thanks be to God who puts the same earnest care for you into the heart of Titus. 17For he not only accepted the exhortation, but being more diligent, he went to you of his own accord. 18And we have sent with him the brother whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches, 19and not only that, but who was also chosen by the churches to travel with us with this gift, which is administered by us to the glory of the Lord Himself and to show your ready mind, 20avoiding this: that anyone should blame us in this lavish gift which is administered by us— 21providing honorable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also

in the sight of men. 22And we have sent with them our brother whom we have often proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, because of the great confidence which we have in you. 23If anyone inquires about Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker concerning you. Or if our brethren are inquired about, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. 24Therefore show to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love and of our boasting on your behalf

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