19 September 2021 A Recipe for Honourable Giving 荣耀的奉献的秘诀 2 Corinthians - Part 13 (2 Cor. 8:16-24) 哥林多后书-第 13 部分(哥林多后书 8:16-24)

2 Corinthians 8:16-24 But 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, 19 and 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. 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。

1st Ingredient: A <u>GODLY CHARACTER</u> demonstrated by Titus 秘诀 1: 提多所表现的<u>敬虔的品格</u> 哥林多后书 8:16, 17

(a) Titus had a <u>HEART FOR PEOPLE</u> 提多有一颗<u>爱人的心</u>

哥林多后书8:16

哥林多后书 7:13 故此我们得了安慰。并且在安慰之中,因你们众人使提多心里畅快欢喜,我们就更加欢喜了。7:14 我若对提多夸奖了你们什么,也觉得没有惭愧,因我对提多夸奖你们的话成了真的,正如我对你们所说的话也都是真的。

(b) He was AMBITIOUS IN SERVING 他热诚的事奉

哥林多后书 8: 17

(c) He was OBEDIENT AND LOYAL until the end 他自始至终都是顺从和忠诚的

提多书 1:5 我从前留你在克里特,是要你将那没有办完的事都办整齐了,又照我所吩咐你的,在各城设立长老。

提多书 3:12 我打发亚提马或是推基古到你那里去的时候,你要赶紧往尼哥波立去见我,因为我已经定意在那里过冬。

提摩太后书提摩太后书 4:9 你要赶紧地到我这里来。 4:10 因为底马贪爱现今的世界,就离弃我往帖撒罗尼迦去了,革勒士往加拉太去,提多往挞马太去,4:11 独有路加在我这里。你来的时候,要把马可带来,因为他在传道的事上于我有益处("传道"或作"服侍我")。

2nd Ingredient: Be <u>IN GOOD STANDING</u> with fellow believers 秘诀 2: 与其他信徒<u>保持良好的</u> 关系

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约翰福音 13:34 我赐给你们一条新命令,乃是叫你们彼此相爱;我怎样爱你们,你们也要怎样相爱。13:35 你们若有彼此相爱的心,众人因此就认出你们是我的门徒了。"

罗马书 12:10 爱弟兄,要彼此亲热;恭敬人,要彼此推让。

3rd Ingredient: Be <u>A WISE STEWARD</u> 秘诀 3: 做一个智慧的管家

哥林多后书 8:20-22

- (a) Avoid situations that can <u>DAMAGE YOUR TESTIMONY</u> 避免可<u>能损害你的见证的</u>事情 哥林多后书 8:20-21
- (b)Diligence brings about <u>CONFIDENCE</u> 勤奋带来<u>自信</u>

哥林多后书 8:22

加拉太书 6:9 我们行善,不可丧志;若不灰心,到了时候就要收成。

4th Ingredient: Be a church <u>WORTHY OF BOASTING</u> 秘诀 4: 要做一个<u>配得夸奖的</u>教会 哥林多后书 8:23-24

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。

罗马书 12:10 爱弟兄,要彼此亲热;恭敬人,要彼此推让。12:11 殷勤不可懒惰。要心里火热,常常服侍主。12:12 在指望中要喜乐,在患难中要忍耐,祷告要恒切。12:13 圣徒缺乏要帮补,客要一味地款待。

- (a) The Macedonians were SELFLESS GIVERS 马其顿人是无私的奉献者
- (b) They had LOVE for fellow believers 他们对其他信徒有爱