

Proof Before the Churches

2 COR 8:16-24

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One Main Point: The Corinthians are to demonstrate their love and justify Paul's boasting by delivering on their promised gift for the Jerusalem Christians.

Recapping the Plan: Aiding the Jerusalem Christians (1 Cor. 16:1-4; 2 Cor. 8:1-15)

Ensuring the Plan: The Preparation Committee

- Titus
 - o Earnest care, willing service
- The Famous Brother
 - o Appointed by the churches
 - God's glory
 - Goodwill displayed
 - The importance of holy optics before God and man

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- The Earnest Brother
 - o Tested, confident in the Corinthians
- “Commending” the Preparation Committee
 - o Titus—fellow worker and partner
 - o The brothers—“apostles” of the church, the glory of Christ
- Therefore, Give Proof Of...
 - o Your love *before* the churches
 - o Our boasting over you *to* the churches

Learning From Paul’s Strategy

- Preaching and prayer don’t negate planning and processes
- Embracing *multiple* motivations for *genuine* obedience