

Titus Sent to Corinth - 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5

Topics: Criticism, Example, Generosity, Gifts, Giving Up, Money, Preparation, Sacrifice, Tithing

Open It

- * 1. When is it most difficult to try to please everybody?
- 2. What good qualities do you see in the lives of your own church leaders?

Explore It

- 3. Why did Paul and Titus share the same concern for the Christians at Corinth? (8:16)
- 4. Why was Titus traveling to Corinth? (8:17)
- * 5. Why did Paul send two other Christians along with Titus to Corinth? (8:18-23; 9:3-5)
- * 6. How did Paul instruct the Corinthian church to treat Titus and his fellow worker? (8:23-24)
- 7. Why did Paul explain there was no need for him to write the Corinthians? (9:1)
- 8. How did Paul motivate the Macedonians to join in the collection for the Christians of Jerusalem? (9:2-3)
- 9. How would Paul's boasting have been hollow? (9:3)
- * 10. Why did Paul send Titus to collect the gift from the Corinthian church? (9:3-5)
- 11. What attitude did Paul want the Corinthians to have regarding their gift? (9:5)

Get It

- 12. What motivates you to give to your church or Christian ministries?
- * 13. What should be a Christian's attitude regarding sacrificial giving to the church?
- 14. Why did Paul take pains to do what was right in the eyes of others?
- 15. Why did Paul want to avoid criticism in how the gift was administered?
- 16. In what ways should we try to avoid criticism with the way we carry out our Christian responsibilities?
- 17. When is it appropriate to increase your giving?
- * 18. What can you do to guard against a grudging attitude when you offer your resources to the Lord?
- 19. What was exemplary about the people who worked with Paul (Titus and the others)?
- 20. What was exemplary about the Corinthians?
- 21. What should be our attitude toward those who are full-time Christian workers?
- 22. How can you imitate the qualities of the Christian workers?

Apply It

- * 23. What step can you take this week to foster a willing attitude in your giving?
- 24. What is one setting in which you can strive to avoid criticism for the way you live your Christian life? How?