

11 Now therefore perform *i* 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.

12 For if *there* *k* be first a willing mind, *it* is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.

13 For *I* mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened:

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 *supp'y* for your want: that there may be equality:

15 As it is written, He *l* that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack.

16 But thanks *be* to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you.

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

18 And we have sent with him the brother, *n* whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches;

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

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

21 Providing for honest *q* things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

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 *r* *I* have in you.

23 Whether *any* do inquire of Titus, *he* is my partner and fellow-helper concerning you: or our brethren *be* inquired of, *they* are the messengers *r* of the churches, and the glory of Christ.

24 Wherefore show ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting *s* on your behalf.

CHAPTER IX.

1 *He* sheweth why he sent Titus, 6 and stirreth them up to be bountiful in alms.

FOR as touching the ministering *a* to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you:

2 For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you

A. D. 60.

i 1Ti.6.19.  
He.13.16.  
Ja.2.15,16.

k Lu.21.3.

l Ex.16.18.

m ver.6.

n ch.12.18.

o 1Co.16.3,4.

q or, gift.

p ch.4.15.

q Ro.12.17.

Phi.4.8.

1Pe.2.12.

r or, he hath.

r Phi.2.25.

s ch.7.14.

(CHAP. 9.)

a ch.8.4,&c.

b ch.8.24.

i blessing.

2 or, which

hath been

so much

spoken of

before.

c Ps.41.1-3.

Pr.11.24,25.

19.17.

22.9.

Ga.6.7,9.

d De.15.7,8.

e Ex.35.5.

R.12.8.

f Phi.4.19.

g Ps.112.9.

h Is.55.10.

i Ho.10.12.

j simplicity,

or, liber-

ality.

k ch.1.11.

4.15.

l ch.8.14.

m Mat.5.16.

n ch.8.1.

o Ja.1.17.

p Job.3.16.

(CHAP. 10.)

a R.12.1.

i or, in out-

ward ap-

pearance.

to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many.

3 Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready:

4 Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting. *b*

5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your *i* bounty, *2* whereof ye had notice before that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness.

6 But this *I* say, He *c* which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give: not *d* grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful *e* giver.

8 And *f* God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

9 (As it is written, *g* He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.

10 Now he *h* that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

11 Being enriched in every thing to all *3* bountifulness, which *k* causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

12 For the administration of this service not only supplieth *l* the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;

13 Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify *m* God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men;

14 And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace *n* of God in you.

15 Thanks *o* be unto God for his unspeakable gift. *p*

CHAPTER X.

Paul wisheth for no cause to exert his spiritual power and authority, etc.

NOW I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who *1* in pre-