

2 CORINTHIANS | SETTING AN EXAMPLE IN SERVICE

2 COR. 8:16-24

In a recent 2024 poll, it was reported that only 23% of Americans trust the federal government. With a lack of transparency, a seemingly insurmountable debt, and a general perception of incompetence and corruption, it is not surprising. A fact that is even more troubling is that according to a recent Gallup poll, only 32% of Americans have confidence in the church. If Christ's church operated as the Apostle Paul did that number may look different. The Apostle Paul refused to be a peddler of God's Word (2 Corinthians 2:17). He renounced disgraceful and underhanded ways (2 Corinthians 4:2). He challenged the Corinthians to give to the poor by collecting for the Jerusalem church, because the followers of Christ are called to be generous. At the same time, he knew that the collection had to be handled with the utmost integrity in order to be faithful to his mission. How should Paul's handling of Corinthians funds inform us as followers of Christ?

1. Faithful followers of Christ of Christ are _____ by God.
2. Devotion and _____ flow from _____.
3. Generosity is a _____ of grace and often _____ of faith.
4. _____ undergirds _____.