

GIVING (3)

HONOURABLE ADMINISTRATION

(2 CORINTHIANS 8:16-24)

1. **Recap:** *What problem was addressed in last week's passage (2 Corinthians 8:10-15)? What were the Corinthians' excuses for not giving - and how did Paul answer them? What great lie inhabits the heart of our reluctance to give generously to the church - and how does Paul answer it?*

2. **Read 2 Corinthians 8:16-24 (page 1165).** *What's this passage addressing, according to verse 20? And what's Paul's concern, according to verse 21?*

3. *In what ways are the collection arrangements described in this passage honourable in God's sight?*

4. *How many people make up the delegation appointed to collect the Corinthians' money? What characterizes the members of that delegation? How does the nature of that delegation make the collection arrangements honourable in the sight of man?*

5. *In what other ways are the collection arrangements described in this passage honourable in the sight of man?*

6. *Why has Paul explained all this to the Corinthians, according to verse 24? And why does he use the phrase "for your benefit" in verse 23?*

7. *How might the teaching of this passage be applied to evangelical churches today? And how should it be applied to the members of such churches?*