

## 三位忠信同工收取乐献(林后 8:16-9:15)

经文:

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<p>8:16 感谢神，把我为你们而发的这同样的热切放在提多心里。<sup>17</sup>他固然接受了劝告，到底还是自己很热切，就自愿自动出发往你们那里去了。<sup>18</sup>我们还打发一位弟兄和他一同去；这人在福音上所得的称赞已传遍了众教会。<sup>19</sup>不但如此，他还蒙众教会所选立、在我们所经管这恩惠的事上做我们的旅伴，以增加主的荣耀，并成全我们所愿作的热心。<sup>20</sup>这就可以避免人在我们所经管这丰裕的博施上挑剔我们。<sup>21</sup>因为我们筹谋行为之美善，不但在主面前，也在人面前。<sup>22</sup>我们还打发一位弟兄和他们一同去；这是我们在许多事上屡次试验为热切的；如今他因为对你们多有信任的心，就多多更加热切了。<sup>23</sup>论到提多、他是我本人的契友，也是向你们做我的同工；论到我们那两位弟兄呢、他们是众教会的使者，是基督的光荣。<sup>24</sup>所以你们要在众教会面前、向他们表显你们爱心的明证，以及我们所夸奖你们之事的明证。</p> <p>9:1 论到供应圣徒的事、写信给你们、于我是多余的。<sup>2</sup>我知道你们愿作的热心，就把这事对马其顿人夸奖你们、说亚该亚人从去年就豫备好了；你们的热心便激动了多数人。<sup>3</sup>不过我还打发那几位弟兄去，好叫我们在这方面所夸奖你们的不至于落了空，好叫你们照我屡次所说的豫备好了。<sup>4</sup>万一有马其顿人和我一同去，见你们没有豫备，在这信任的事上、我们就会觉得惭愧，你们呢、更不用说了。<sup>5</sup>所以我以为必须劝那几位弟兄先到你们那里去，把你们从前所应许的慨捐先凑好了，让这一项齐备了，</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Commendation of Titus</b></p> <p>8:16 But thanks be to God, who put into the heart of Titus the same earnest care I have for you. <sup>17</sup>For he not only accepted our appeal, but being himself very earnest he is going to you of his own accord. <sup>18</sup>With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his preaching of the gospel. <sup>19</sup>And not only that, but he has been appointed by the churches to travel with us as we carry out this act of grace that is being ministered by us, for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our good will. <sup>20</sup>We take this course so that no one should blame us about this generous gift that is being administered by us, <sup>21</sup>for we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man. <sup>22</sup>And with them we are sending our brother whom we have often tested and found earnest in many matters, but who is now more earnest than ever because of his great confidence in you. <sup>23</sup>As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for your benefit. And as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. <sup>24</sup>So give proof before the churches of your love and of our boasting about you to these men.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Collection for Christians in Jerusalem</b></p> <p>9:1 Now it is superfluous for me to write to you about the ministry for the saints, <sup>2</sup>for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year. And your zeal has stirred up most of them. <sup>3</sup>But I am sending the brothers so that our boasting about you may not prove empty in this matter, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be. <sup>4</sup>Otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—for being so confident. <sup>5</sup>So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may</p>	<p>8:16 I thank God for giving Titus the same devoted concern for you that I have. <sup>17</sup>He was most considerate of how we felt, but his eagerness to go to you and help out with this relief offering is his own idea. <sup>18</sup>We're sending a companion along with him, someone very popular in the churches for his preaching of the Message. <sup>19</sup>But there's far more to him than popularity. He's rock-solid trustworthy. The churches handpicked him to go with us as we travel about doing this work of sharing God's gifts to honor God as well as we can, <sup>20</sup>taking every precaution against scandal. <sup>21</sup>We're being as careful in our reputation with the public as in our reputation with God. <sup>22</sup>That's why we're sending another trusted friend along. He's proved his dependability many times over, and carries on as energetically as the day he started. He's heard much about you, and liked what he's heard - so much so that he can't wait to get there. <sup>23</sup>I don't need to say anything further about Titus. We've been close associates in this work of serving you for a long time. The brothers who travel with him are delegates from churches, a real credit to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Show them what you're made of, the love I've been talking up in the churches. Let them see it for themselves!</p> <p>9:1 If I wrote any more on this relief offering for the poor Christians, I'd be repeating myself. <sup>2</sup>I know you're on board and ready to go. I've been bragging about you all through Macedonia province, telling them, "Achaia province has been ready to go on this since last year." Your enthusiasm by now has spread to most of them. <sup>3</sup>Now I'm sending the brothers to make sure you're ready, as I said you would be, so my bragging won't turn out to be just so much hot air. <sup>4</sup>If some Macedonians and I happened to drop in on you and found you weren't prepared, we'd all be pretty red-faced - you and us - for acting so sure of ourselves. <sup>5</sup>So to make sure there will be no slipup, I've recruited these brothers as an advance team to get you and your promised offering all ready before I get there. I want you to have all the time you need to make this offering in your own way. I don't want anything forced or hurried at the last minute. <sup>6</sup>Remember: A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish</p>

<p>可以显出是慨捐，而不是我的强取。</p> <p>6 还有一点：「小量撒种的、也必小量收成；大量撒种的、也必大量收成。」<sup>7</sup> 各人要照心里所酌定的，不要心疼，不要勉强：因为神爱欢心乐意的捐献者。<sup>8</sup> 神能使各样的恩惠充盈满地流到你们身上来，使你们凡事常有十分的充足，能够溢流出各样慈善的事来。<sup>9</sup> 正如经上所记：「他分散财物、给予贫穷；他的仁义永远常存。」</p> <p><sup>10</sup> 那给撒种的供应种子、又供应饼做食品、必供给并加多你们慈善的种子，使你们仁义的产物增长着；<sup>11</sup> 使你们凡事富足，能有十分慷慨的施与。这样的施与便藉着我们使众人对神生出感谢的心来。<sup>12</sup> 因为这供应的事不但补足了圣徒的缺乏，而且能使感谢神的心也越发洋溢地由许多人流出来。<sup>13</sup> 他们因了你们对基督福音之信认所表示的顺服、又因了你们对他们又对众人在团契捐上之慷慨、便藉着这供应之事所试验出来的、将荣耀归与神。<sup>14</sup> 他们自己也因了神在你们身上所赐超越的恩、而切慕你们，替你们祈求。<sup>15</sup> 感谢神，感谢他那说不尽之白白的恩！</p>	<p>be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction.</p> <p><b>The Cheerful Giver</b></p> <p><sup>6</sup>The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."</p> <p><sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. <sup>12</sup>For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!</p>	<p>crop. <sup>7</sup>I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving. <sup>8</sup>God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done. <sup>9</sup>As one psalmist puts it, He throws caution to the winds, giving to the needy in reckless abandon. His right-living, right-giving ways never run out, never wear out. <sup>10</sup>This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, <sup>11</sup>wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God. <sup>12</sup>Carrying out this social relief work involves far more than helping meet the bare needs of poor Christians. It also produces abundant and bountiful thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>This relief offering is a prod to live at your very best, showing your gratitude to God by being openly obedient to the plain meaning of the Message of Christ. You show your gratitude through your generous offerings to your needy brothers and sisters, and really toward everyone. <sup>14</sup>Meanwhile, moved by the extravagance of God in your lives, they'll respond by praying for you in passionate intercession for whatever you need. <sup>15</sup>Thank God for this gift, his gift. No language can praise it enough!</p>
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### 破冰：

- 你有可信任的朋友吗？你为什么信任这样的朋友？
- 当亲朋好友遭遇天灾人祸时，你怎么表达爱顾之心？在何种情况下，你会愿意出钱出力？
- 你对崇拜礼仪中收取奉献有什么看法？

### 分段：

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## 观察、解释、应用：

### **差遣忠信热心的提多及两位同工们收取捐献(林后 8:16-24)**

<sup>16</sup> 感谢神，把我对你们的热忱同样放在提多心里。<sup>17</sup> 他固然听了我的劝告，但自己更加热心，自愿往你们那里去。<sup>18</sup> 我们还差遣一位弟兄和他同去，这人在传福音的事上得了众教会的称赞；<sup>19</sup> 不但这样，他也被众教会选派跟我们同行，把所交托我们的这捐款送到了，为的是荣耀主，也表明我们的好意。<sup>20</sup> 我们这样做，免得有人因我们收的捐款多而挑剔我们。<sup>21</sup> 我们留心做好事，不但在主面前，就是在人面前也是这样。<sup>22</sup> 我们又差遣一位弟兄同去。这人的热忱，我们在许多事上屡次考验过，现在他因为深深信任你们，就更加热心了。<sup>23</sup> 至于提多，他是我的伙伴，为服事你们作我的同工。至于那两位弟兄，他们是众教会的使者，是基督的荣耀。<sup>24</sup> 所以，你们务要在众教会面前向他们显明你们的爱心和我所夸奖你们的凭据。

使徒保罗在这段书信中极力称赞提多以及与提多一起去的两位同工，表示自己是非常信任他们而愿意为他们的诚信作保。可见任何有关钱财的事工都要非常谨慎小心的处理，先要彰显这些同工的忠诚可信、有好名声，然后指明至少是三个人的团队一起负责这个严肃的任务。

**思考：**你觉得是不是自己值得信任就可以单独一个人处理非私人的钱财？如果出了一点点差错怎么办？你会怎么推荐一个你非常信任的弟兄或姊妹？

<sup>16</sup> 感谢神，把我对你们的热忱同样放在提多心里。<sup>17</sup> 他固然听了我的劝告，但自己更加热心，自愿往你们那里去。首先使徒保罗告诉哥林多教会说提多的热心与自己不相上下，是提多自告奋勇地推荐自己去进行这件他认为是荣耀主的圣工：去哥林多教会收取捐献。做任何圣工有热心是一个好的开始，因为有热心就有动力、愿意多花时间投入、有耐心奋斗。

**思考：**你自己会不会对某些事工非常热心？你会多花时间精力在那样的事工上吗？

**应用：**想想教会或团契有没有你特别喜欢的事工？如果有，请主动的参与，让你的热心得到果效而讨主的喜悦。

<sup>18</sup> 我们还差遣一位弟兄和他同去，这人在传福音的事上得了众教会的称赞；<sup>19</sup> 不但这样，他也被众教会选派跟我们同行，把所交托我们的这捐款送到了，为的是荣耀主，也表明我们的好意。<sup>20</sup> 我们这样做，免得有人因我们收的捐款多而挑剔我们。<sup>21</sup> 我们留心做好事，不但在主面前，就是在人面前也是这样。

第一位与提多同去的弟兄有传福音的恩赐。这恩赐是好多教会都得益处而称赞他的。此外这位弟兄的忠信也是众教会所认可的，所以差遣这位弟兄与提多同行去收取捐献送到耶路撒冷有需要的弟兄姊妹那里。提多有他们陪伴就有了见证人而不至于有任何的失误使得神的名受到亏损。这是使徒保罗设想周到，让捐献的事工能圆满的达成而荣耀主名。

**思考：**为主做圣工时有没有敏锐谨慎，怕主的名受到亏损？有没有向别人传过福音而发现自己有传福音的恩赐？你的恩赐是什么？你做神的事工是否忠心信实、光明磊落？还是偷鸡摸狗见不得人？

<sup>22</sup> 我们又差遣一位弟兄同去。这人的热忱，我们在许多事上屡次考验过，现在他因为深深信任你们，就更加热心了。<sup>23</sup> 至于提多，他是我的伙伴，为服事你们作我的同工。至于那两位弟兄，他们是众教会的使者，是基督的荣耀。<sup>24</sup> 所以，你们务要在众教会面前向他们显明你们的爱心和我所夸奖你们的凭据。

此外使徒保罗另外还差遣另一位被证明又热心、又忠信的弟兄同去，也就是说是三个弟兄一起到哥林多教会那里收取捐献。这是新约圣经的原则：重要事件有三个见证人作保。使徒保罗已经尽心尽力地为捐献筹划，他告诉哥林多教会的弟兄姊妹当好好捐献，让保罗夸奖他们的话不至于落空。

这两位弟兄有许多美好的品格，他们除了自己非常热心之外，也是在众教会受称赞而被差遣作使者。他们也屡次通过考验，证明可以担当这个收取捐献的事工。

**思考：**你愿不愿意与其他教会的弟兄姊妹同工？曾经有过类似的经验没有？提多与另外两位同工的身份是怎么不同？你对团契中成员的爱心是怎么表达出来的呢？你怎么赞许你的同工？会不会因为彼此互相的鼓励支持而让工作事半功倍？教会选择同工需要考虑些什么？

应用：找一个机会，针对一件同工所做，你觉得不错的事工夸奖你的同工。

## 圣徒捐献的基本原则(林后 9:1-15)

### 甘心乐意，绝不勉强(林后 9:1-5)

<sup>1</sup> 关于供给圣徒的事，我本来不必写信给你们；<sup>2</sup> 因为我知道你们的好意，常对马其顿人夸奖你们，说亚该亚人预备好已经有一年了。你们的热心感动了许多人。<sup>3</sup> 但我差遣那几位弟兄去，要使你们照我的话预备妥当，免得我们在这事上夸奖你们的话落了空。<sup>4</sup> 万一有马其顿人与我同去，见你们没有预备好，就使我们所确信的反成了羞愧；你们的羞愧更不用说了。<sup>5</sup> 因此，我想必须鼓励那几位弟兄先到你们那里去，把从前所应许的捐款预备妥当，好显出你们所捐的是出于乐意，不是出于勉强。

「关于供给圣徒的事」是指前一章所写对有需要弟兄姊妹的捐献，保罗原来不想再提了，但是还是再提了。可见使徒保罗对「关于供给圣徒的事」不但重视，还是放不下心中的挂虑担心。保罗虽然担心，却先把哥林多教会弟兄姊妹捐献的优点夸奖了他们。这是我们当学习的，先把过去已经显现有关方面的优点指明，然后才提到目前的需要。

保罗所担心的是他心中所认为他们慷慨愿意捐献的程度比实际他们会进行的高得多了。所以他提到「常对马其顿人夸奖你们」。在马其顿地区的教会有腓立比、帖撒罗尼迦、暗妃波里、亚波罗尼亚和庇哩亚等教会。这些教会奉献不遗余力、尽己所能，是其他教会的好榜样。「亚该亚人」主要是指哥林多教会已经作了一年的准备工作，其他许多地方也受感而发动捐助耶路撒冷救灾的运动。

使徒保罗差遣提多与另外两位同工去是相当仔细的筹划，表示保罗相信所收到的钱财不是一笔小数目所以需要多人的印証。此外保罗给哥林多教会弟兄姊妹更多的时间，这也是让这件乐捐耶路撒冷穷困教会肢体能够圆满达成的重要考虑。此外使徒保罗也告诉他们乐捐的目标，让他们知道所捐的总额是不是达到保罗预期的数字。

**思想：**你会怎样鼓励弟兄姊妹加入事奉的团队？如果你挂心某件事工会不会圆满达成时，你会怎么样把你的挂虑化成力量？

**应用：**如果你对教会奉献或其他机构有感动，请设立你的目标并筹划怎么达成你的目标。

### 少种少收，多种多收(林后 9:6-9)

<sup>6</sup> 还有一点：“少种的少收；多种的多收。”<sup>7</sup> 各人要随心所欲，不要为难，不要勉强，因为神爱乐捐的人。<sup>8</sup> 神能将各样的恩惠多多加给你们，使你们凡事常常充足，能多做各样善事。<sup>9</sup> 如经上所记：“他施舍，周济贫穷；他的义行存到永远。”

「少种的少收；多种的多收」是乐捐的另一个原则：捐得多蒙福也多！但乐捐是每个人自己的心愿，随心所欲没有任何的勉强。不过这里提醒基督徒「神爱乐捐的人」！也就是说要讨神的喜悦，乐捐是一条直达的通道。如果你经常乐意捐献，神会把各样神所喜悦的恩惠多多地加给你，而使得你有更大的能力作慈善的事工而荣神益人！乐捐不但立刻就得到回报，并且是被神纪念到永永远远的好事。

从另一个角度来看，一个没有私心而经常与人分享自己一切所有的，是一个已经与神建立亲密灵交而有神属性不断彰显的义人！这样的人并不在乎自己会不会因为所做的善事而从中得到任何益处，他更在乎行在神所喜悦的正路当中而与神同行、住在主里面。

**思想：**你想到乐捐有不朽的作用了吗？你是不是还在十一奉献的律法约束之下？你知道什么是新约奉献的精髓？(罗 12:1-2)

**应用：**如果你还没有养成经常乐献的良好习惯，请开始培养经常乐献的良好习惯而讨主喜悦。

### 慷慨捐助，荣神益人(林后 9:10-15)

<sup>10</sup> 那赐种子给撒种的，赐粮食给人吃的，必多多加给你们种地的种子，又增添你们仁义的果子。<sup>11</sup> 你们必凡事富足，能多多施舍，使人藉着我们而生感谢神的心。<sup>12</sup> 因为办这供给的事，不但补圣徒的缺乏，而且使许多人对神充满更多的感谢。<sup>13</sup> 他们从这供给的事上得了凭据，知道你们宣认基督，顺服他的福音，慷慨捐助给他们和众人，

把荣耀归给神。<sup>14</sup> 他们也因神极大的恩赐显在你们身上而切切想念你们，为你们祈祷。<sup>15</sup> 感谢神，因他有说不尽的恩赐！

什么是你捐献的根源？是神自己！腓立比书告诉我们：「因为是神在你们心里运行，使你们又立志又实行，为要成就他的美意。」(腓 2:13) 一个有神生命的基督徒会十分自然的生活出讨主喜悦的义行，因为那是属神生命自然的彰显。何西阿书先知提醒我们说：「你们要为自己栽种公义，收割慈爱。」(何 10:12 上) 所谓多结仁义的果子就是活在神所喜悦的生活当中。

**思想：**圣灵所结的果子有些什么品味？(加 5:22-23) 你自己觉得哪一、二方面的品味是你特别需要操练的？

**应用：**选择一项圣灵果子的品味是你特别缺乏的，好好的操练一段时间，然后看看是不是让你与神之间的关系更亲密。

多多行善、多结义果的生活方式必造成凡事富足而能更多多的做善事帮助需要的弟兄姊妹。接着这些受惠的弟兄姊妹向神所献上的感谢产生更大的影响力而令传福音有很好的见证，许多未信的朋友因为看到神在这些有见证的基督徒身上所做的而归入主基督的名下。

**思想：**你有些什么值得感谢神的恩惠怜悯？有没有经常献上感谢的心？有没有经常参加祷告会？为什么没有参加祷告会？有没有未信的朋友因为你的美好见证而信主让神因此得荣耀？你渴慕不渴慕把主耶稣介绍给你那些还没有信主的同事或亲朋好友？传福音有许多不同的管道，你觉得哪一个管道最适合你？

**应用：**活出丰盛的生命会自然地影响你周遭的亲朋好友，你认为神给你的恩赐是什么？如果还没有好好使用，请开始操练、多多用在你的日常生活中，让神从你得荣耀。