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Greek	King James	New Revised Standard	Amplified Bible	Meaning and Truth in
		Version		2 Corinthians,
				Frances Young and
				David F. Ford (William
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				B. Eerdmanns, 1988).
8:1 Gnwri÷zomen de«	8:1 Moreover, brethren, we do	8:1 We want you to know,	8:1 WE WANT to tell you further, brethren,	8:1-2 We (write to) let you
uJmi√n, aÓdelfoi÷,	you to wit of the grace of God	brothers and sisters, about the	about the grace (the favor and spiritual	know, brothers, about the
th\n ca;rin touv qeouv th\n dedome÷nhn	bestowed on the churches of	grace of God that has been	blessing) of God which has been evident in	grace of God granted among
e'n taiç	Macedonia; 2 How that in a great trial of	granted to the churches of Macedonia;	the churches of Macedonia [arousing in them	the churches of Macedonia,
e kklhsi÷aiß thvß	affliction the <u>abundance</u> of	,	the desire to give alms]; 2 For in the midst of an ordeal of severe	that through a considerable testing affliction the overflow
Makedoni÷aß,	their joy and their deep	<u>2</u> for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their <u>abundant</u> joy	tribulation, their <u>abundance</u> of joy and their	of their joy and their extreme
<u>2</u> o¢ti e n pollhØv	poverty abounded unto the	and their extreme poverty have	depth of poverty [together] have overflowed in	poverty have flowed out in
dokimhØv qli÷yewß hJ	riches of their <u>liberality</u> .	overflowed in a wealth of	wealth of <u>lavish generosity</u> on their part.	the wealth of their single-
perissei÷a thvß	3 For to their power, I bear	generosity on their part.	3 For, as I can bear witness, [they gave]	minded commitment.
cara Oß aujtw On kai«	record, yea, and beyond their	3 For, as I can testify, they	according to their ability, yes, and beyond their	3-6 For as far as lay in their
hJ kata» bażgouß	power they were willing of	voluntarily gave according to	ability; and [they did it] voluntarily,	power – in fact I can testify,
ptwcei÷a aujtw◊n	themselves;	their means, and even beyond	4 Begging us most insistently for the favor and	even beyond their power –
e peri÷sseusen ei ß to\ plouvtoß thvß	4 Praying us with much	their means,	the <u>fellowship</u> of contributing in this <u>ministration</u>	they have taken the initiative,
aJplo/thtoß aujtw◊n:	intreaty that we would receive	4 begging us earnestly for the	for [the relief and support of] the saints [in	encouraging us urgently,
3 o¢ti kata»	the gift , and <i>take upon us</i> the	privilege of sharing in this	Jerusalem].	begging us for the grace of
du/namin, marturw◊,	fellowship of the ministering to	ministry to the saints—	5 Nor [was this gift of theirs merely the	partnership in ministering to
kai« para» du/namin,	the saints.	5 and this, not merely as we	contribution] that we expected, but first they	the saints – not merely as we
aujqai÷retoi	5 And this they did, not as we	expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord	gave themselves to the Lord and to us [as His	hoped – indeed, they have
4 meta» pollhvß	hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us	and, by the will of God, to us,	agents] by the will of God [entirely disregarding	given themselves first to the Lord and then to us through
paraklh/sewß	by the will of God.	6 so that we might urge Titus	their personal interests, they gave as much as they possibly could, having put themselves at	the will of God, with the result
deo/menoi hJmw◊n th\n	6 Insomuch that we desired	that, as he had already made a	our disposal to be directed by the will of	that we can encourage Titus
ca;rin kai« th\n	Titus, that as he had begun,	beginning, so he should also	God —	to continue what he has
koinwni÷an thvß diakoni÷aß thvß eiß	so he would also finish in you	complete this generous	6 So much so that we have urged Titus that as	begun and perfect in you this
tou\ß aJqi÷ouß,	the same grace also.	undertaking among you.	he began it, he should also complete this	same grace.
<u>5</u> kai« ouj kagw»ß	7 Therefore, as ye abound in	7 Now as you excel in	beneficent and gracious contribution among	7 But as you overflow with
hjlpi÷samen aÓlla»	every thing, in faith, and	everything—in faith, in speech,	you [the church at Corinth].	every (grace) – faith, speech,
e°autou\ß e¶dwkan	utterance, and knowledge, and	in knowledge, in utmost	7 Now as you abound and excel and are at the	knowledge, whole-hearted
prw◊ton twˆ◊ kuri÷wˆ	in all diligence, and in your	eagerness, and in our love for	front in everythingin faith, in expressing	enthusiasm, and the love
kai« hJmi√n dia»	love to us, see that ye abound	you—so we want you to excel	yourselves, in knowledge, in all zeal, and in	between is – see that you
qelh/matoß qeouv	in this grace also. 8 I speak not by	also in this generous undertaking.	your love for us[see to it that you come to the front now and] abound and excel in this	overflow with this grace too. 8-9 I do not speak by way of
$\underline{6}$ ei ß to\	commandment, but by	8 I do not say this as a	gracious work [of almsgiving] also.	command, but to test the
parakale÷sai hJma◊ß	occasion of the forwardness of	command, but I am testing the	8 give this not as an order [to dictate to you],	genuineness of your love by
Ti÷ton, i°na kaqw»ß proenh/rxato ou¢twß	others, and to prove the	genuineness of your love	but to prove, by [pointing out] the zeal of	comparison with the
broeimitrafo ontrap	outors, and to prove the	genuineness of your love	Dut to prove, by [pointing out] the Zear of	companion with the

- kai« e pitele÷shØ ei ß uJma◊ß kai« th\n cairin tau/thn.
- $7 \triangle All \triangle w$, sper e'n panti« perisseu/ete, pi÷stei kai« lo/gw^ kai« gnw;sei kai« pa;shØ spoudhØv kai« th∅v e'x hJmwôn e'n uJmi√n aÓga;phØ, i°na kai« e'n tau/thø thøv ca;riti perisseu/hte.
- 8 Ouj kat Δ e'pitagh\n le÷gw aólla» dia» thvß e°te÷rwn spoudhvß kai« to\ thvß uJmete÷raß aÓga;phß gnh/sion dokima; zwn:
- 9 ginw; skete ga»r th\n cairin touv kuri÷ou hJmw◊n ΔIhsouv Cristouv, o¢ti di∆ uJma◊ß e ptw:ceusen plou/sioß w‡n, i°na uJmeiç thØv e kei nou ptwcei a plouth/shte.
- 10 kai« gnw;mhn e'n tou/tw^ di÷dwmi: touvto ga»r uJmi√n sumfe÷rei, oi°tineß ouj mo/non to\ poihvsai aÓlla» kai« to\ qe÷lein proenh/rxasqe aópo\ pe÷rusi:
- 11 nuni« de« kai« to\ poihvsai e pitele + sate, o pwß kaga; per hJ progumi÷a touv qe÷lein, ou¢twß kai« to\ e pitele÷sai e'k touv e¶cein.

- sincerity of your love.
- 9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor. that ye through his poverty might be rich.
- 10 And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago.
- 11 Now therefore perform 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 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 supply for your want: that there may be equality:
- 15 As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that *had gathered* be a fair balance. little had no lack.
- 16 But **thanks** be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for vou.
- 17 For indeed he accepted the exhortation; but being more forward, of his own accord he went unto you.
- 18 And we have sent with him the brother, whose praise is in

- against the earnestness of others.
- 9 For you know the **generous** act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.
- 10 And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—
- 11 now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means.
- 12 For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has not according to what one does not have.
- 13 I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between
- 14 your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may
- 15 As it is written,

"The one who had much did not have too much,

- and the one who had little did not have too little." 16 But **thanks** be to God who put in the heart of Titus the same eagerness for you that I myself have.
- 17 For he not only accepted our appeal, but since he is

- others, the sincerity of your [own] love also. 9 For you are becoming progressively acquainted with and recognizing more strongly and clearly the **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ (His kindness, His gracious generosity, His undeserved favor and spiritual blessing),
- [in] that though He was [so very] rich, yet for your sakes He became [so very] poor, in order that by His poverty you might become enriched (abundantly supplied).
- 10 [It is then] my counsel and my opinion in this matter that I give [you when I say]: It is profitable and fitting for you Inow to complete the enterprise] which more than a year ago you not only began, but were the first to wish to do anything [about contributions for the relief of the saints at Jerusalem].
- 11 So now finish doing it, that your [enthusiastic] readiness in desiring it may be equalled by your completion of it according to your ability and means.
- 12 For if the [eager] readiness to give is there, then it is acceptable and welcomed in proportion to what a person has, not according to what he does not have.
- 13 For it is not [intended] that other people be eased and relieved [of their responsibility] and you be burdened and suffer [unfairly].
- 14 But to have equality [share and share alike], your surplus over necessity at the present time going to meet their want and to equalize the difference created by it, so that [at some other time] their surplus in turn may be given to supply your want. Thus there may be equality, 15 As it is written. He who gathered much had nothing over, and he who gathered little did not lack.
- 16 But **thanks** be to God Who planted the same earnest zeal and care for you in the heart of Titus.
- 17 For he not only welcomed and responded to our appeal, but was himself so keen in his enthusiasm and interest in you that he is going to you of his own accord.

- enthusiasm of others; for you know the **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ, that for you he became poor though he was rich, so that you might become rich through his poverty.
- 10 On this matter I give my opinion: it is in your interest. you who a year ago began to act on this - in fact even to want to do so.
- 11 So now, complete the doing of it, so that the completion (of the collection) out of your resources may match your original willing purpose.
- 12 For if that purpose comes first, whatever fits your means is appropriate, not anything that puts a strain on them.
- 13-15 For there is no intention that relief for others should bring affliction to you; but for the present time, on the basis of equality, your overflow should make up their shortage, so that their overflow may make up your shortage, that equality may prevail, as it is written: 'The one with a lot did not have too much, and the one with a little did not go short'. 16-17 **Thanks** be to God who
- puts the same enthusiasm for you in the heart of Titus because he received encouragement, and with greater enthusiasm he takes the initiative in setting out to you.

- 12 ei ga»r hJ
 proqumi÷a pro/keitai,
 kaqo\ e a»n e¶chØ
 eujpro/sdektoß, ouj
 kaqo\ oujk e¶cei.
- 13 ouj ga»r i°na a‡lloiß a‡nesiß, uJmi√n qli√yiß, aÓll∆ e'x i'so/thtoß:
- 14 e'n tw^\0 nuvn
 kairw^\0 to\ uJmw\0n
 peri\(\frac{1}{2}\) seuma ei \(\beta\) to\
 e'kei\(\frac{1}{2}\) nuvn
 i'na kai\(\circ\) to\
 e'kei\(\frac{1}{2}\) nuvn
 e'kei\(\frac{1}{2}\) nuvn
 peri\(\frac{1}{2}\) seuma
 ge\(\frac{1}{2}\) nuvn
 ge\(\frac{1}{2}\) nuvn
 uJmw\0n uJste\(\frac{1}{2}\) rhma,
 o\(\frac{1}{2}\) pu\(\beta\) ge\(\frac{1}{2}\) nhtai
 i'so/th\(\beta\),
- 15 kaqwȧ ge÷graptai:
 oJ to\ polu\ oujk
 e pleo/nasen, kai« oJ
 to\ ojli÷gon oujk
 hjlatto/nhsen.
- 16 Ca;riß dew tw^o
 qew^o tw^o do/nti
 th\n aujth\n spoudh\n
 uJpewr uJmwon e n
 thøv kardi÷a^ Ti÷tou,
 17 o¢ti th\n mewn
 para;klhsin
 e de÷xato,
 spoudaio/teroß dew
 uJpa;rcwn
 aujqai÷retoß
 e xhvlqen pro\ß
- 18 sunepe÷myamen de«
 met∆ aujtouv to\n
 aódelfo\n ou∞ oJ
 e¶painoß e˙n twˆ◊
 eujaggeli÷wˆ dia»
 pasw◊n tw◊n
 e˙kklhsiw◊n,
 19 ouj mo/non de÷,

uJmaק.

- the gospel throughout all the churches;
- 19 And not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory 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 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 *I have* in you.
- 23 Whether any do inquire of Titus, he is my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren be inquired of, they are the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ.
- 24 Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf.
- **9:1** For as touching the ministering 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 to them of Macedonia,

- more eager than ever, he is going to you of his own accord. 18 With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his proclaiming the good news; 19 and not only that, but he has also been appointed by the churches to travel with us while we are administering this generous undertaking for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our goodwill. 20 We intend that no one
- 20 We intend that no one should blame us about this generous gift that we are administering.
- 21 for we intend to do what is right not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of others.

 22 And with them we are sending our brother whom we have often tested and found eager in many matters, but who is now more eager than ever because of his great confidence in you.

 23 As for Titus, he is my
- partner and co-worker in your service; as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ.

 24 Therefore openly before the churches, show them the proof of your love and of our reason for boasting about you.
- 9:1 Now it is not necessary for me to write you about the ministry to the saints,
- 2 for I know your eagerness, which is the subject of my boasting about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready

- 18 But we are sending along with him that brother [Luke?] whose praise in the Gospel ministry [is spread] throughout all the churches;
- 19 And more than that, he has been appointed by the churches to travel as our companion in regard to this **bountiful contribution** which we are <u>administering</u> for the glory of the Lord Himself and [to show] our eager readiness [as Christians to help one another].
- <u>20</u> [For] we are on our guard, intending that no one should find anything for which to blame us in regard to our <u>administration</u> of this <u>large</u> <u>contribution</u>.
- <u>21</u> For we take thought beforehand and aim to be honest and absolutely above suspicion, not only in the sight of the Lord but also in the sight of men.
- <u>22</u> Moreover, along with them we are sending our brother, whom we have often put to the test and have found him zealous (devoted and earnest) in many matters, but who is now more [eagerly] earnest than ever because of [his] absolute confidence in you.
- 23 As for Titus, he is my colleague and shares my work in your service; and as for the [other two] brethren, they are the [special] messengers of the churches, a credit and glory to Christ (the Messiah).
- 24 Show to these men, therefore, in the sight of the churches, the reality and plain truth of your love (your affection, goodwill, and benevolence) and what [good reasons] I had for boasting about and being proud of you.

 9:1 NOW ABOUT the offering that is [to be made] for the saints (God's people in Jerusalem), it is quite superfluous that I should write you;
- <u>2</u> For I am well acquainted with your willingness (your readiness and your eagerness to promote it) and I have proudly told about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia (most of Greece) has been prepared since last year for this contribution;

- 18-19 We send with him the brother whose standing in the gospel is recognized through all the churches as our fellowmissionary in this **gracious** task that is being administered by us to the glory of the Lord himself and to (promote) our purpose. 20 Our intention (in sending him) is this – that no one should find reason to blame us with respect to the large sum of money we are administering. 21 For what we intend are
- noble deeds not only in the sight of the Lord but also in the sight of men. 22 We send with them our brother whom we have proved on many occasions to be enthusiastic, but now he is much more full of enthusiasm and confidence in you. 23-24 On Titus' behalf (I say) he is my partner and collaborator in relation to you; and as far as our brothers are concerned, they are apostles of the churches, Christ's glory! So display to them before the churches the proof of your love and of our pride in you.
- 9:1-2 So as regards the ministration to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you. For I know your purpose. To the Macedonians I take a pride on your behalf that Achaea has been prepared for a year, and your energetic involvement has stirred up

aÓlla» kai« ceirotonhqei«ß uJpo\ twôn e'kklhsiwôn sune÷kdhmoß hJmw◊n su\n thØv ca;riti tau/thØ thØv <u>diakonoume÷nhØ</u> uJf∆ hJmw◊n pro\ß th\n [aujtouv] touv kuri÷ou do/xan kai« proqumi÷an hJmw◊n, 20 stello/menoi touvto, mh/ tiß hJmaק mwmh/shtai e'n thøv aJdro/thti tau/thØ thØv diakonoume÷nhØ uJf∆ hJmw◊n:

- 21 pronoouvmen ga»r kala» ouj mo/non e nw¿pion kuri÷ou aólla» kai« e nw¿pion aóngrw¿pwn.
- 22 sunepe÷myamen de« aujtoi√ß to\n aódelfo\n hJmw◊n o§n eˈdokima¿samen eˈn polloi√ß polla¿kiß spoudai√on o¡nta, nuni« de« polu\ spoudaio/teron pepoiqh/sei pollhøv thøv eiˈß uJma◊ß.
- 23 ei¶te uJpe«r
 Ti÷tou, koinwno\ß
 eˈmo\ß kai« eiß
 uJmaק sunergo/ß:
 ei¶te aÓdelfoi«
 hJmw◊n, aópo/stoloi
 eˈkklhsiw◊n, do/xa
 Cristouv.
- 24 th\n ou™n
 e¶ndeixin thvß
 aÓga¿phß uJmw◊n kai≪
 hJmw◊n kauch/sewß

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. 5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty. 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 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 grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 8 And 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, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for

10 Now he that ministereth

seed to the sower both

since last year; and your zeal has stirred up most of them.

3 But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you may not prove to have been empty in this case, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be;

4 otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—in this undertaking.

5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you, and arrange in advance for this bountiful gift

5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you, and arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised, so that it may be ready as a voluntary gift and not as an extortion.

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

<u>7</u> Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to provide you with every **blessing** in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

9 As it is written,

"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;

his righteousness endures forever." 10 He who supplies <u>seed</u> to stimulated the majority of them.

3 Still, I am sending the brethren [on to you], lest our pride in you should be made an empty boast in this particular case, and so that you may be all ready, as I told them you would be;

4 Lest, if [any] Macedonians should come with me and find you unprepared [for this generosity], we, to say nothing of yourselves, be humiliated for our being so confident.

5 That is why I thought it necessary to urge

and [consequently] your enthusiasm has

these brethren to go to you before I do and make arrangements in advance for this bountiful, promised gift of yours, so that it may be ready, not as an extortion [wrung out of you] but as a generous and willing gift.

6 [Remember] this: he who sows sparingly and grudgingly will also reap sparingly and grudgingly, and he who sows generously [that blessings may come to someone] will also reap generously and with blessings.

7 Let each one [give] as he has made up his own mind and purposed in his heart, not reluctantly or sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves (He takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without) a cheerful (joyous, "prompt to do it") giver [whose heart is in his giving]. 8 And God is able to make all **grace** (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and <u>furnished in abundance</u> for every good work and charitable donation]. 9 As it is written, He [the benevolent person] scatters abroad; He gives to the poor; His deeds of justice and goodness and kindness and benevolence will go on and endure forever!

10 And [God] Who provides <u>seed</u> for the sower and bread for eating will also provide and multiply your [resources for] sowing and increase the fruits of your righteousness [which

the majority of them. 3-4 I am sending the brothers so that our pride in you may not have proved empty on this point – (I am rather afraid) that after having insisted that you were prepared, if the Macedonians come with me and find you not prepared, we – not to mention you - may be humiliated in our assurance. 5 For I think it necessary to encourage the brothers to go ahead to you and get ready in advance your publicized open-handedness, that it may be collected as a free offering and not as an extortion. 6 The fact is the one who sows with a closed fist, will also have a niggardly harvest, and the one who sows with an open hand will be blessed with a generous harvest.

<u>7</u> Let each obey the promptings of his own heart, and not act out of hurt or compulsion – for God loves a cheerful giver.

8-9 In fact, God enables every **grace** to <u>overflow</u> into you, self-sufficiency to overflow into every act of goodness, as it is written: 'He has scattered, he has given to the poor; his righteousness remains for ever'.

10 The one who provides seed for the sower, will also provide bread for the consumer, and will multiply your seed-corn, and will

uJpe«r uJmw⟨n eiˈß
aujtou⟨ß
eˈndeiknu/menoi eiˈß
pro/swpon tw⟨n
eˈkklhsiw⟨n.

9:1 Peri« me«n ga»r

- thvß diakoni÷aß thvß eiß touß aJgi÷ouß perisso/n moi÷ eˈstin to\ gra;fein uJmi√n:

 2 oi•da ga»r th\n proqumi÷an uJmw◊n h§n uJpe«r uJmw◊n kaucw◊mai Makedo/sin, o¢ti ΔAcaiŒa pareskeu/astai aópo\ pe÷rusi, kai« to\ uJmw◊n zhvloß hjre÷qisen tou\ß plei÷onaß.
- 3 e¶pemya de« tou\ß aódelfou/ß, i°na mh\ to\ kau/chma hJmw\n to\ uJpe«r uJmw\n kenwqhØv e'n tw^\0 me÷rei tou/tw^, i°na kaqw»ß e¶legon pareskeuasme÷noi h™te,
- 4 mh/ pwß e'a»n
 e¶lqwsin su\n e'moi«
 Makedo/neß kai«
 eu¢rwsin uJmaôß
 aóparaskeua;stouß
 kataiscunqwômen
 hJmeiç, i°na mh\
 le÷gw uJmei√ß, e'n
 thØv uJposta;sei
 tau/thØ.
- 5 aónagkai√on ou™n
 hJghsa;mhn
 parakale÷sai tou\ß
 aódelfou/ß, i°na
 proe÷lqwsin ei ß
 uJmaק kai«

minister bread for *your* food, and multiply your <u>seed</u> sown, and increase the fruits of your <u>righteousness</u>;)

- 11 Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.
- 12 For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;
 13 Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify 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** of God in you.
- 15 **Thanks** *be* unto God for his unspeakable gift.

the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your <u>seed</u> for sowing and <u>increase</u> the harvest of your <u>righteousness</u>.

- 11 You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us:
- 12 for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

 13 Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others,
- 14 while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing **grace** of God that he has given you.
- 15 **Thanks** be to God for his indescribable gift!

manifests itself in active goodness, kindness, and charity].

- 11 Thus you will be enriched in all things and in every way, so that you can be generous, and [your generosity as it is] administered by us will bring forth thanksgiving to God.
- 12 For the <u>service</u> that the <u>ministering</u> of this fund <u>renders</u> does not only fully supply what is lacking to the saints (God's people), but it also <u>overflows</u> in many [cries of] thanksgiving to God.
- 13 Because at [your] standing of the test of this ministry, they will glorify God for your loyalty and obedience to the Gospel of Christ which you confess, as well as for your generoushearted liberality to them and to all [the other needy ones].
- 14 And they yearn for you while they pray for you, because of the surpassing measure of God's grace (His favor and mercy and spiritual blessing which is shown forth) in you.
- 15 Now **thanks** be to God for His Gift, [precious] beyond telling [His indescribable, inexpressible, free Gift]!

increase the off-shoots of your righteousness.

- 11 In every way you are enriched for that single-minded commitment which through us brings about thanksgiving to God.
- 12 For the ministration of this service is not only making up the shortage of the saints, but is even overflowing through the multiplication of thanks to God.
- 13-15 By the test of this ministration, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession of the gospel of Christ and the commitment of your partnership with them and everyone, while in prayer for you they yearn for you because of the extraordinary grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

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<pre>eujlogi÷an kai« mh\</pre>	
wJß pleonexi÷an.	
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feidome÷nwß kai«	
qeri÷sei, kai« oJ	
spei÷rwn e p∆	
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eujlogi÷aiß kai«	
qeri÷sei.	
7 e°kastoß kaqw»ß	
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oJ qeo/ß.	
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perisseuvsai ei ß	
uJma◊ß, i°na e'n	
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pa◊san aujta¿rkeian	
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9 kaqw»ß ge÷graptai:	
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corhgh/sei kai«	
plhqunei√ to\n	
<u>spo/ron</u> uJmw◊n kai«	

aujxh/sei ta»		
genh/mata thvß		
dikaiosu/nhß uJmw◊n.		
<u>11</u> e'n panti«		
ploutizo/menoi ei ß		
pa◊san <u>aJplo/thta</u> ,		
h¢tiß katerga;zetai		
di∆ hJmw◊n		
eujcaristi÷an tw^◊		
qew^◊:		
<u>12</u> o¢ti hJ <u>diakoni÷a</u>		
thvß <u>leitourgi÷aß</u>		
tau/thß ouj mo/non		
e sti«n		
prosanaplhrouvsa ta»		
uJsterh/mata tw◊n		
aJgi÷wn, aÓlla» kai«		
perisseu/ousa dia»		
pollwôn eujcaristiwôn tw^ô qew^ô.		
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13 dia» thvß dokimhvß		
thvß <u>diakoni÷aß</u> tau/thß doxa;zonteß		
to\n qeo\n e pi« thØv		
uJpotaghØv thvß		
oJmologi÷aß uJmw◊n		
ei ß to\ eujagge÷lion		
touv Cristouv kai«		
aJplo/thti thvß		
koinwni÷aß eiß		
aujtou\ß kai« ei ß		
pa;ntaß,		
<u>14</u> kai« aujtw◊n		
deh/sei uJpe«r uJmw◊n		
e pipoqou/ntwn uJmaק		
dia» th\n		
uJperba;llousan		
ca;rin touv qeouv		
e f∆ uJmi√n.		
15 Ca;riß tw $^{\diamond}$ qew $^{\diamond}$		
e pi« thØv		
aÓnekdihgh/tw^		
aujtouv dwrea^◊.		

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