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Corinthians 2

God .is with me ,and Timothy, our fellow believer ,write this letter to you ,Paul ,I¹ 1
I send .chose to send me to represent the Messiah Jesus, because that is what God wanted
the group of believers belonging to God, which is in the you who are part of to this letter
to all the believers who live throughout the region of send this letter also I .city of Corinth
kind continue to be our Father, and the Lord Jesus the Messiah who is ,God May² .Achaia
.peaceful make you to you and

May we always praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus the Messiah—he is our³
God comforts us whenever we⁴ .merciful Father and our God who always comforts us
suffer. He does that so that we can comfort others who are suffering in any way. God
You see, the Messiah⁵ .enables us to comfort them in the very same way as he comforts us
suffered a lot for us, and now we continue to suffer as the Messiah did because we belong
So⁶ .to him. But now the Messiah also comforts us in the same abundant amount
whenever people cause us to suffer, it is so that God may comfort you and protect you
spiritually. Whenever God comforts us, it is so that he may also comfort you. God does this
.as you patiently endure when people cause you to suffer just as people cause us to suffer
We know that God will also comfort you as you suffer like we suffer. Therefore, we are⁷
.trusting in Jesus very confident that you will continue

For example, fellow believers, we want you to know about the bad things that⁸
happened to us in the province of Asia. They were so difficult that we felt that we could not
We felt like a person feels when⁹ .endure them. We felt certain that we were going to die
he has heard a judge say, “I condemn you to die.” But God allowed us to feel that way so
that we would learn to not rely on ourselves but, instead, to rely on God. He causes people
.Even though it seemed to us that we would certainly die¹⁰ .who have died to live again
God rescued us from the people who wanted to kill us, and he will continue to rescue us
as you help us by¹¹ We confidently expect that he will rescue us again .from similar people
praying for us. Please do pray for us so that many people will thank God for what he will
.graciously do for us because many people prayed for us

We are proud that we can honestly say that we have behaved toward all people in a¹²
holy and sincere way, as God has enabled us to do. We do not behave in the way that
with as we interact unbelievers think is wise. Instead, God graciously guides us, especially
To see this, look at my letters. In all of my letters to you I have written only what¹³ .you

completely **us** you will understand **soon** read and understand. I hope that **easily** you can
Then when our Lord Jesus returns, you will **.already** just as you partially understand us¹⁴
.be just as proud of us as we will be proud of you

Because I was confident that you were proud of me, I planned to visit you once¹⁵⁻¹⁶
on my way to the province of Macedonia, and then to visit you again as I returned from
there. In that way, you would benefit twice from having me with you. Also, you could help
I intended to¹⁷ .supply what I would need to go from your city to the province of Judea
That does not mean that I **.but then I did not come the second time** ,visit you those two times
changed my plan lightly. I do not make or change my plans according to what I might
desire at the time. I do not say, “Yes, I will do that” and then quickly say, “No, I will not do
.Just as God is faithful, we are completely sincere in everything that we say to you¹⁸ ”.it
I and Silvanus and Timothy¹⁹ ”.We would never say, “Yes” when we really think, “No
,he would never say **You know that** .taught you about the Son of God, Jesus the Messiah
Yes” if what he meant was, “No.” Because of who he is, our message about him has also“

Because of Jesus, we can rely on all of the²⁰ .remained consistent and dependable
promises of God. Jesus fulfills them all. Therefore, Jesus is also the one who enables us to
It is God who causes us, along with you, to²¹ .say, “Yes, it is true” when we praise God
keep on believing strongly in the Messiah. God is also the one who has given us his Spirit
God gave us the Holy Spirit to live within us. That shows both²² .so that we can serve him
that we belong to him and that he will also do for us everything else that he has promised to
.do for us

So now I will tell you why I changed my mind and did not visit you again as I²³
intended to do. May God strike me dead if I am lying, but he knows that what I am telling
you is true. The reason that I did not return to Corinth was so that I might not grieve you by
When I say²⁴ .having to speak to you severely about the wrong things that you have done
that, I do not mean that we are your masters who give you orders about what to believe and
is so that you will be joyful. We **about living for God** do. Instead, everything that we tell you
.do not need to command you, because God himself tells you what to believe and do

because I have chosen to avoid visiting you if it hurts you **I have not visited you**¹ 2
because, when I hurt **I chose not to visit you again**² .**I visited you** and me like it did last time
in my previous I already wrote³ .you, I have hurt the only people who can make me glad
so that, when I next visited you, you **I wrote those things** .**to you** what I am now saying **letter**
I I wrote those things because .would not hurt me, and I would be glad about you as I should
I suffered greatly and⁴ .was sure about all of you that you would be glad when I was glad

I sent it to .while I wrote it to you. In fact, I wept that previous letter hurt inside when I wrote
.so that you would realize how much I care for you. I did not intend to hurt you you

However, the person who has hurt others did not really hurt me. Rather, that person⁵
as those whom so that I do not include all of you "I use the word "some .of you hurt some
You do not need to do .Most of you together have disciplined that person⁶ .that person hurt
you should now forgive and ,of disciplining that person So then, instead⁷ .anything more
.encourage that person. Otherwise, the person will become very sad and give up

Another⁹ .Therefore, I encourage you to show publicly that you care for that person⁸
was in order that I could find out for sure if you that previous letter reason for which I wrote
In the end, when you forgive any person for¹⁰ .you to do would do everything that I asked
that person for what that person anything, I too forgive that person. In fact, I have forgiven
.to help you, as the Messiah desires I did that .even though it was basically nothing ,did
so that Satan will not control us. Indeed, we know all about his We should forgive others¹¹
.to control us plans

when I arrived in the city of Troas, the Lord Jesus made ,To return to how I traveled¹²
,However¹³ .it possible for me to proclaim the good news about the Messiah effectively
I continued to be anxious about ,in the city of Troas since my fellow believer Titus was not
Therefore, I said goodbye to the believers there and left .what happened when he visited you
.to travel to the region of Macedonia

,who, because he has united us to the Messiah He is the one !Now we praise God¹⁴
Further, he uses us to reveal to people in .his enemies continually includes us as he conquers

In fact, we are like a pleasant smell that comes from¹⁵ .many places what God is like
when we are with people whom God is We are like this smell .Christ and that pleases God
who are passing Those¹⁶ .rescuing and when we are with people who are passing away
a smell that comes from a dead body and that causes people to away think that we are like
a smell that comes whom God is rescuing think that we are like die. On the other hand, those
proclaim the good from a living thing and that causes people to live. No one can perfectly
because we do not sell the You can tell that we do not do so perfectly¹⁷ !news in that way
message that God has given us for money, like many other people do. Rather, we only want
because that is what we proclaim the good news ,to serve God, not to gain something. Indeed
the good So, as those whom God has united to the Messiah, we proclaim .to do God sent us
.not people ,to please God news

We are not going to prove to you a second time that we are trustworthy. As you¹ 3
know, you do not need to write or receive a note that proves that we are trustworthy, even

It is you all who function like a² .for other people you might need to do those things though
When we care for each other, all people realize that .that proves that we are trustworthy note
Everyone knows that you are like³ .a note from you we are trustworthy, just as if they read
on this note did not write The Messiah .a note that the Messiah wrote and that we delivered
inside you by working through the Holy it is as if he wrote it ,stone slabs using dye. Rather
.the only real God who is ,Spirit

We are sure .thinks of us God what I say those things because we are sure about⁴
well on proclaim the good news Of course, we cannot⁵ .us sure because the Messiah makes
our own, and we do not think that anything we do well is because of us. Rather, God
He has also enabled us to act on behalf of the⁶ .well to proclaim the good news enables us
so it is not just words that ,this new agreement new agreement. The Holy Spirit gives
,the Holy Spirit will live people who rely on because This is important .someone wrote down
.words that someone wrote down will die people who rely on but

to the old agreement that condemned people Further, when Moses acted on behalf of⁷
onto stone slabs. What Moses did was glorious of the agreement die, God carved the words
reflected how enough that the Israelites could not gaze at his face afterwards because it
So then, when people act on⁸ .although that would eventually go away ,God is glorious
,Indeed⁹ .the Holy Spirit, that is even more glorious the new agreement that gives behalf of
condemning people, it was the old agreement that led to God when Moses acted on behalf of
the new agreement that leads to people glorious. So then, when people act on behalf of
does not old agreement In fact, the glorious¹⁰ !righteous, it is even more glorious becoming
the old ,Indeed¹¹ .is the new agreement look glorious at all because of how glorious
that will last forever the new agreement ,that is going away was glorious. So then agreement
!is even more glorious

things, we behave very glorious these to receive So then, since we confidently expect¹²
not like Moses, who wore a cloth that hid his face. That way, the We are¹³ .boldly
,In fact¹⁴ .Israelites could not gaze at how his face stopped reflecting how glorious God is
Indeed, even now, when someone reads .what God revealed the Israelites did not understand
the cloth that Moses wore keeps it is as if ,the old agreement the Scriptures that contain
until these Scriptures That is because no one can understand .it people from understanding
Indeed, even now, when someone reads the Law of¹⁵ .God unites them to the Messiah
However, when people¹⁶ .Moses, it is as if that cloth keeps people from understanding it
just as if he ,the Law of Moses God enables them to understand ,God begin to trust the Lord
I mean the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy ,God When I speak of the Lord¹⁷ .removed that cloth
show who believe So, all of us¹⁸ .people to understand the Scriptures Spirit who enables

without a cloth covering our faces. God is **we do so is**, and **God** how glorious the Lord
In this way, the glorious Lord, who is the Holy **.the Messiah** changing us so that we are like
.Spirit, makes us glorious

Because of those things, and because God mercifully enabled us to act on behalf¹ **4**
Rather, we refuse to do anything that we would² .we do not give up **,the new agreement** of
hide because it is disgraceful. We do not try to deceive others, and we do not change the
and we prove to everyone that **,message** message from God. Instead, we proclaim the true
In fact, the only people who do not understood the good³ .God considers us trustworthy
Satan, who rules the world right⁴ .news that we proclaim are people who are passing away
now, has kept these people who do not believe from understanding. That way, the good
I⁵ .news about the glorious Messiah, who shows what God is like, does not change them
because we do not tell other people about **say that the good news is about the Messiah**
about Jesus the Messiah, the Lord, and about how we serve **we tell them** ,ourselves. Rather
because it is God who spoke these words: “What is dark **We do that**⁶ .you because of him
,will become bright.” He has enabled us to understand what is true about how glorious he is
.in Jesus the Messiah **God has revealed this** .just as if he had shined a light on us

We experience and proclaim these wonderful things, but we ourselves are weak and⁷
We⁸ .God causes these things to be so powerful, not we **it is clear that** ,worthless. That way
People persecute us, but they do not overcome us. We are **.difficult things** many **experience**
People try to hurt us, but God does not⁹ .not sure what to do, but we do not give up
We continually suffer¹⁰ .abandon us. People act against us, but they do not defeat us
physically, like Jesus did. That way, God will make us live again, just like he made Jesus
Indeed, while we are living, God allows us to suffer continually because of¹¹ .live again
Jesus. That way, even though we will die, God will make us live again, just like he made
.As you can see, God allows us to suffer, but he will make you live¹² .Jesus live again

I“ **,in the psalm** just like the person who wrote **,God** Now we are those who trust¹³
we **We do that because**¹⁴ .so we too speak **,God** so I spoke.” We too trust **,God** trusted
realize that God made Jesus alive again, so he will also make us alive again. Then we will
We do each of those things to help you. That¹⁵ .be with Jesus and with you before God
way, God will act graciously to more people. Then, people will thank God more, which
.honors God

Therefore, we do not give up. Instead, even though the part of us that people can see¹⁶
We do¹⁷ .is perishing, every day God is strengthening the part of us that people cannot see
because when we suffer in temporary and unimportant ways, that will cause us **,not give up**

.to become glorious forever and in important ways, ways that we cannot even imagine because **That is** .So, we pay attention to what we do not see rather than to what we see¹⁸
.what we do not see will last forever, but what we see will pass away

Indeed, we realize that the bodies we have on this earth will die. They are like¹ **5**
tents that people destroy. However, God will give us new bodies that will live forever. They
In fact, we mourn how we² .will be like buildings that God creates in the heavenly places
live in these bodies. We want God to give us new bodies, just as if he was putting new
.from heaven **that God gives us buildings These new bodies will be like** .clothes on us
Whenever we receive our new bodies, they will be like clothes that keep us from being³
.naked

Even further, while we have these bodies that are like tents, we mourn, and these⁴
,bodies make living difficult. Because of that, it is not that we want to be without bodies
to receive new bodies, which will **we want** ,which would be like having no clothes. Rather
.be like putting on new clothes. That way, we will live forever instead of expecting to die
,God is the one who makes us ready for these new bodies. He gave the Holy Spirit to us⁵
.which shows that he will also give us everything else that he has promised

Also, we realize .**about what God will give us** So then, we are confident at all times⁶
Indeed, we act as we do⁷ .**Jesus** that while we have these bodies, we are not with the Lord
As I said, we are confident⁸ .**him** not because we see ,**the Lord Jesus** because we trust
Also, we would choose instead to be without our bodies and .**about what God will give us**
So then, we strive to please the Lord Jesus whether we are with him⁹ .**Jesus** with the Lord
because all of us will have to appear before the Messiah and he will **We do that**¹⁰ .or not
decide whether each one of us has done what is right or what is wrong. Then, he will give
.us what we deserve in proportion to what we did while we had these bodies

we convince ,**Jesus** So then, because we experience what it means to fear the Lord¹¹
that and I want you also to know ,**that we are trustworthy** God knows .**to fear him also** others
.We are not proving to you a second time that we are trustworthy¹² .**we are trustworthy**
Rather, we are enabling you to say great things about us. That way, you can respond to
anybody who says great things about how people appear on the outside and not about who
.So, when we seem crazy, we are serving God¹³ .those people really are on the inside
because the **Those things are true**¹⁴ .When we seem to think normally, we are serving you
:Here is how we think about it .**to act in certain ways** Messiah loves us, and that directs us
.all people died **it is as if** ,died to rescue all people. Because of that ,**the Messiah** ,one person
he died to rescue all people: that way, those who live spiritually will **this is why** ,Further¹⁵

what the Messiah wants, since he **they will do** ,not do whatever they want anymore. Instead
.died to rescue them and God made him alive again

.Because of all that, we do not think about anyone in merely human ways any longer¹⁶
Indeed, although at one time we thought about the Messiah in merely human ways, we do
So then, whenever God unites people to¹⁷ .not think about him in those ways any longer
the Messiah, he makes them new people. What they used to be has disappeared. Look, what
.God is the one who gives us every one of these things¹⁸ !they are now is something new
By working through the Messiah, he has enabled us to be with him. Further, God empowers

Here is how that works: God works¹⁹ .us to act so that others can also be with him
through Christ to enable every person to be with him. In doing so, he forgives people for
what they have done wrong. Further, he commissions us to tell others about how they can
.be with God

we represent the Messiah. So, God encourages ,**God has commissioned us** Because²⁰
to believe the good news so others through us. We speak for the Messiah when we ask you
for our sake God treated him as ,**Despite that** .Jesus did not sin²¹ .you can be with God **that**
.if he had sinned. As a result, God makes us righteous by uniting us to Jesus

As those who serve with God, we encourage you to accept fully what God has¹ **6**
because God **You should do that**² .**how you live** so that it changes ,**for you** graciously done
:**in the scripture** says

.**and acted** When I considered it to be the right time, I heard you“
”.I assisted you ,**people** Indeed, when I was rescuing

Right now is when God considers it to be the best time! Indeed, right now is when God is
!**people** rescuing

We avoid doing anything that might offend others. That way, no one can criticize how³
Rather, we prove that we are trustworthy in every way while we serve⁴ .**God** we serve
when people **We persevere**⁵ .God. We always persevere when people hurt and persecute us
when we work hard, do **We persevere** .strike us, put us in jail, and stir up crowds against us
and ,**what is true** We are free from evil things, we know⁶ .not sleep much, and go hungry
we have the Holy Spirit, and we love ,**for others** we do not easily become angry. We care
We proclaim what is true, and God enables us to act powerfully. We are⁷ .**sincerely people**
Some⁸ .righteous, which is like having a sword in one hand and a shield in the other
people honor us, and others shame us. Some people say bad things about us, and others say
.good things about us. Some people think that we tell lies, but really we speak what is true

Some people think that nobody acknowledges us, but really, God acknowledges us. Some⁹
people think that we are dying, but really, we are alive! Some people think that God is
Some people think that¹⁰ .punishing us, but really, he has not decided that we should die
we mourn, but really, we continually rejoice. Some people think that we are needy, but
really, we help many people gain what is truly valuable. Some people think that we do not
.have anything, but really, we have everything

Fellow believers in the city of Corinth, we have told you what is true, and we care¹¹
Rather, it is you .caring for you We are not the ones who have stopped¹² .for you greatly
as if you thought in simple ways Now I will speak to you¹³ .for us who have stopped caring
.since we care for you, it would only be right if you cared for us in return :do like children

because what is I say that .the Messiah Do not join in with people who do not trust¹⁴
right and what is wrong have nothing in common. Further, what is good shares nothing
.with the devil Beliar about anything The Messiah does not agree¹⁵ .with what is evil
the do not belong with people who do not trust the Messiah Further, people who trust
who God's temple does not go together with other gods. In fact, it is as if we¹⁶ .Messiah
because God You can tell that we are God's temple .were the only real God's temple believe
:these words in the Scriptures spoke

.I will be with my people“
.Indeed, I will not leave them
They will consider me to be their God
”.and I will consider them to be my people

:in the Scriptures says God the Lord we should do what ,So then¹⁷

.who do not serve me Get away from people“
.than them Make sure that you are different
”.Stay away from anything that defiles you
”.Then, I will gladly receive you“ ,He says

,who rules all things, says ,God Further, the Lord¹⁸

.I will be your father“
”.You will be my sons and daughters

whom I love, because God has promised these things to fellow believers ,So then¹ 7

us, we should get rid of everything that defiles us on the outside and on the inside. We
.should become completely holy as we fear God

I am not³ .care for us! We have not hurt, cheated, or destroyed anyone We ask you to²
we care for ,in this letter saying these things to blame you. In fact, as I have already written
In .will do what is right you that I am very confident⁴ .you greatly, no matter what happens
I often say great things about you. You encourage me greatly, and I rejoice very much ,fact
.even while we are suffering about you

when we arrived in Macedonia, things did not get ,to how I traveled Now to return⁵
easier for us. Instead, we suffered in many ways. Other people quarreled with us, and we
However, God encourages people who feel discouraged. He⁶ .ourselves were often afraid
,us partly by having Titus join God encouraged us⁷ .us encouraged us by having Titus join
to see but even more by how what you did encourages Titus. He has told us that you want
and that you strive to honor me. Because of those ,for what you did that you are sorry ,me
.than I did before things, I rejoiced more

even though I hurt you with what I ,that I wrote the previous letter I am not sorry⁸
is that I know that the letter that I wrote it wrote. In fact, the only reason I would be sorry
I ,that Titus has told us about you However, now⁹ .hurt you, although only for a little while
because when I hurt I am happy ,not because I hurt you. Rather I am happy .am very happy
In fact, you felt hurt in a way .doing it and stopped for what you did you, you became sorry
because, when That is¹⁰ .that honors God. So, we have not deprived you of anything good
and for what they did people feel hurt in a way that honors God, it causes them to be sorry
to rescue God uses how they feel because ,that they felt hurt They are not sorry .doing it stop
how they feel ,them. However, when people feel hurt in the way that most people do

As for you, when you felt hurt in this way that honors¹¹ .eventually causes them to die
You argued that you were .to do what is right God, it certainly caused you to be very eager
You .what might happen You feared .about what had happened not guilty. You were upset
the person who had done what was You punished .us You strove to honor .to see us wanted
you have shown that you have done what is right in ,those things By doing all .wrong
to you, I was not the previous letter So then, when I sent¹² .response to what happened
primarily dealing with the person who did what was wrong. Also, I was not primarily
to dealing with the person whom he hurt. Rather, I intended to show you how eager you are
,Since you responded in these ways¹³ .of this toward us and that God approves act rightly
.you have encouraged us

In fact, although you did encourage us, we are even more happy about how you made
We were this¹⁴ .when you all comforted and strengthened him You did that .Titus happy
.because you did not disgrace me after I had said great things about you to Titus happy
This is .Instead, Titus found out that the great things we said about you were actually true
,Titus recalls how you all obeyed us¹⁵ .just like how everything we told you was also true
he cares about you even ,Because of that .particularly how you feared him when he arrived
.are doing what is right I am happy that I am completely sure that you¹⁶ .more now

My fellow believers, we want to tell you about what God has graciously enabled¹ 8
Even though they suffered very² .in Macedonia province to do here the groups of believers
they were extremely generous. They were very ,how they would respond much, which tested
they In fact, I can tell you that³ .even though they had very little ,as they did this joyful
as much as they could afford, and even more than they could afford. They were the offered
what They were very insistent when they urged us to accept⁴ .ones who chose to do this
Further, they did even⁵ .They wanted to share in serving God's people .they were giving
the Lord serving more than what we had expected. They dedicated themselves primarily to
Because of that, we⁶ .just what God wants That is .us serving and then also to Jesus
encouraged Titus to finish accepting what you are giving, especially since he had already
This includes .As for you, you are already doing well in so many ways⁷ .doing so started
to do what you say, how much you know, how you are always eager ,God how you trust
money for and how much we love you. So, you should also do well in giving ,what is right
.fellow believers

for Rather, I want to show that you really care .to give money I am not ordering you⁸
to give with how other people are always eager what you do by comparing fellow believers
because you realize that our Lord, Jesus the You should be eager to give money⁹ .money
he had very He did that even though .Messiah, kindly gave up everything he had to help you
.many things. He wanted to give you many things by himself giving up what he had

I am telling you what I think about giving money, because hearing what I think¹⁰
Right now, you¹¹ .giving money helps you. Last year, you both wanted to and did start
should finish what you started. That way, what you finish doing matches what you eagerly
what people Now God approves of¹² .of what you have which is to give some ,to do wanted
as long as This is true .based on what they have, not based on what they do not have give
.to give they are eager

So, it is not that I want you to suffer while other believers do well. Rather, I want¹³
Right now, how much you have can help¹⁴ .equally believers to share what they have

,people who do not have much. Then, when those people have much and you have little like **We want it to be**¹⁵ .equally **what they have** they can help you. That way, believers share :when **God powerfully gave food to the Israelites** what someone wrote

.The people who had much did not have more than they needed“

”.The people who had little did not have less than they needed

.for you, just like we are **to care** We thank God for causing Titus to be eager¹⁶

,Mostly .**to do so** Indeed, he is visiting you partly because he listened to us urging him¹⁷ **to visit** that he himself chose **to care for you** because he is so eager **he is visiting you** ,however

We have chosen a fellow believer to go with Titus. Many groups of believers¹⁸ .**you** More than that, the¹⁹ .for the sake of the good news **because of what he does** commend him groups of believers selected him to travel with me. He is helping us as we work to accept and **God honors the Lord** **Accepting this money** .**money for the believers in Jerusalem** .**to care for fellow believers** demonstrates how eager we are

with So, we are doing what we can to keep others from criticizing us for what we do²⁰

we started to As you can see, before²¹ .that people have generously given **this money** ,thinks **God** what the Lord **We considered** .we planned how to do it well ,**collect this money** .what other people think **considered** but we also

I have We have chosen another fellow believer to go with Titus and the other man²² In .**to serve God** We have tested him and know for sure that he is eager .**been speaking about** right now he is particularly ,**will do what is right** fact, because he is very confident that you and works with in what I do Titus joins me .**I recommend these men**²³ .(**to serve with you** eager me to help you. The groups of believers send the other two fellow believers, and they honor the So then, show these three men and also the groups of believers that you really do²⁴ .**Messiah** .and that the great things we say about you really are true for fellow believers care

Really, though, I do not need to say anything to you about how we are serving¹ 9

,In fact .**to give** because I recognize how eager you are **That is**² .in **Jerusalem** God’s people that you **I tell them** .I say great things about you to the believers in Macedonia province last year. How eager you were **to give** believers in Achaia province were already preparing although we know that you are ,However³ .**to give** also has encouraged most of them **to give** fellow believers to visit you to make sure that the great **three** we have chosen these ,eager so that you **They are visiting you** .prove true **to give** things we say about how you are eager **the Macedonians about** and in this way match what I have told **to give** can finish preparing were some believers from **think about what would happen** ,On the other hand⁴ .**you** Macedonia province to visit you with me and discover that you had not finished preparing

.you shame most definitely it would How you had acted would shame even us, and .to give fellow believers to visit you three Because of that, I decided that I needed to ask these⁵ and help you with what you said you would give. That way, you will have I do before because you want to and not you will offer it already prepared what you are giving, and .because we are making you do it

When farmers plant only a .that illustrates how you should give Here is an example⁶ few seeds, they harvest only a little food. When farmers plant many seeds, they harvest .much food. Much like that, when you help other people, someone will help you in return choose how much to give Do not .how much to give Each of you should choose for yourself⁷ because God cares for people who I say that .because you feel hurt or because you have to God can graciously give you more than you need. That way, because you⁸ .give gladly always have everything you need in every situation, you can always do everything that is in the about this kind of person because someone wrote You can tell that is true⁹ .right ,Scriptures

.They give to many people“
.Yes, they help those who have very little
”.They will do what is right forever

food for people he provides God provides the seeds for the one who plants them, and¹⁰ to eat. So, he will also provide what you need and give you more of it. Further, when you God consistently gives you¹¹ .do what is right, he will use that to accomplish good things When you give .give to others more than you need so that you can always generously .they thank God ,to fellow believers generously and we send your gifts

it provides ,to them by giving in Jerusalem In fact, when you serve God’s people¹² You prove¹³ .what they need. Even more, though, it causes them to thank God very much So then, they will honor God because you .in Jerusalem yourselves by serving God’s people which is the same good news ,actually do what the good news about the Messiah requires what you also because you generously share They will honor God .that you say you believe you as they pray for to see Further, they will want¹⁴ .believers with them and with all have We thank God for giving us¹⁵ .you, since you give very graciously as God enables you to !these things that are more wonderful than we can say

myself, Paul. I am humbly and reasonably urging you will speak about Now I¹ 10
Some people say that .was humble and reasonable just like the Messiah ,to do what is right when I was with you in person, I was gentle with you, but now, when I am away, I am I do intend to be forceful when I boldly act against these people who² .forceful with you

to do what with me act in merely human ways. So, I ask you **who serve** think that I and those

,In fact³ .so that I will not need to be forceful with you too when I visit you **is right**

,In fact⁴ .although we act as humans, we do not defend ourselves in merely human ways
what we use to defend ourselves is not what humans normally use. Rather, God empowers

.so that we can defeat what other people powerfully argue **what we use to defend ourselves**
anything that people claim is greater than knowing God. Further, we work **defeat** also **We**⁵
At the time when⁶ .to influence everything that people think so that they obey the Messiah
.him we will be ready to punish anyone who disobeys ,**the Messiah** you fully obey

Think about what is obvious. Suppose that people are sure that they represent the⁷
Messiah. Those people need to remember that we too represent the Messiah, just like they

Indeed, I do not disgrace myself when I say many great things about how the Lord⁸ .do
so that we could encourage and help **He did that** .has empowered us to represent him **Jesus**
you can ,So⁹ .from **trusting God** not so that we could discourage you ,**to trust God more** you

I write that¹⁰ .letters to you **forceful** I am not trying to scare you when I send **tell that**
He sends severe and powerful letters to us, but he is“ ,**about me** because some people say
People who say those things need to¹¹ ”.feeble and speaks very poorly when he is with us
when we are not with you is also how we act **to you** realize that what we write in our letters
.when we are with you

who say that they **you know** We are too humble to say that we are as good as people¹²
they are looking ,**When they say that they are great** .are trustworthy. Those people are foolish
In contrast, we do not say great things about ourselves beyond what¹³ .only at themselves
that match with what God has **we say great things about ourselves** ,we actually do. Rather
In fact, only if we¹⁴ .given us to do. That includes what we do whenever we are with you
 ,not include you. Of course **what God has given us to do** had not actually visited you would
.the good news about the Messiah **and told you** we really have already visited you

We do not say great things about ourselves because of what others do but because of¹⁵
what we actually do. In fact, we confidently expect that God will give us even more to do
That way, we can tell the good¹⁶ .more **God** when you trust **That will happen** .with you
That is what we plan to do .news to people who live even further away from us than you do
instead of saying great things about ourselves because of how other people have done what
 ,**Everyone should do what the prophet Jeremiah wrote**¹⁷ .God has given them to do

”.**God** Anyone who says great things should say them about the Lord“

recommends those whom he says are **Jesus** because the Lord **Everyone should do that**¹⁸
.trustworthy, not those who say that about themselves

that I I hope that you will be patient with me as I say a few things ,Next¹ 11

because I am I will say foolish things² !foolish. I know that you are patient with me consider protective of you as God is protective of you. In fact, when I told you the good news, I was like a father who promised to give you to a man as his wife. Just like this father wants his daughter to be with only this one man, so I want you to trust only in the Messiah the first ,just as Satan cleverly tricked Eve ,will trick you However, I fear that someone³ will ruin how you think in ways that are completely loyal I fear that such a person .woman people visit you and tell you about I know that because I fear for you⁴ .to the Messiah Jesus, but it is not the same Jesus we told you about. Others offer you a spirit, but it is not the Holy Spirit that we offered to you. Others proclaim good news to you, but it is not the when people tell same good news that you first believed. Despite that, you are very patient .you about these things

because I think that the Messiah acts I want you to believe what we first told you⁵ Although⁶ .through me as much as through those who say that they represent him the best .what is true to know I have learned ,I have not learned how to speak very well, despite that .I show you that this is true whenever I say or do anything

You know that I did not sin against you when I did not ask you to pay me for⁷ I made myself less important to ,By doing that .proclaiming to you the good news from God I received money from other groups of believers. I ,In fact⁸ .make you more important Further, when I was with you, I did not⁹ .accepted their money so that I could serve you I .by asking for money have everything that I needed. However, I did not bother any of you from Macedonia province with me because our fellow believers who traveled could do that gave me everything that I needed. Indeed, in every situation, I did not and never will bother No one who lives in any part of Achaia province will¹⁰ .by asking for money for myself you What I am .about how I did not bother you be able to keep me from saying great things is not not bothering you My reason for¹¹ .saying is as true as if the Messiah were saying it .that I do care for you that I do not care for you. God can testify

I will continue not to bother you. That way, I can here is my reason for why ,Rather¹² say about prevent anyone from being able to say such great things about themselves as we

Those people are not really those¹³ .some people want to do this I know that .ourselves whom the Messiah sent to represent him. They deceive people with what they do, and they

That should not surprise us. The devil also¹⁴ .can only pretend to represent the Messiah So then, we should expect those who serve him¹⁵ .pretends to be a glorious spiritual being also to pretend to help people become righteous. God will eventually give them what they .deserve in proportion to what they have done

.I repeat what I said earlier: I do not want anyone to think that I am foolish¹⁶
you should at least allow me to act in foolish ,**think that I am foolish** However, if you do
What I am about to say is¹⁷ .ways. That way, I too can say a few great things about myself
Rather, I am about to speak .**Jesus** not how I speak when I am representing the Lord
Many other people say¹⁸ .foolishly as I prove that I can say great things about myself
great things about themselves in merely human ways. So, I too will say great things about
because you consider yourselves to be wise ,**I know that you will listen to me**¹⁹ .myself
In fact, you²⁰ .people, so you are happy to be patient with other people who act foolishly
They may force you to obey them. They may use up .**when people treat you badly** are patient
what you have. They may cheat you. They may say they are better than you. They may
If that is the right way for powerful²¹ .**However, you are still patient with them** .insult you
shames us and **that how we acted when we were with you** I admit **people to treat you, then**
proves that we are weak. On the other hand, whatever other people dare to do, I too can
Those²² .dare to do. Of course, I say these things only because I am acting foolishly
They .**am a Jew and speak Hebrew** people say they are Jews who speak Hebrew, but I also
,They say they are descendants of Abraham .**am an Israelite** say they are Israelites, but I also
serve the They say they serve the Messiah, but I²³ .**am a descendant of Abraham** but I also
I have worked ,**However** .I am talking like a crazy person ,**Of course** .even more **Messiah**
People have struck me .**than them** People have put me in jail more .**than they have** harder
Five different times Jewish leaders²⁴ .very many times. I have almost died many times
Three different times leaders²⁵ .39 :**the maximum number of times** had someone strike me
.to kill me had someone repeatedly hit me with a stick. One time people threw stones at me
sank. I have survived for 24 hours in the **I was sailing in** Three different times the ship
,I travel frequently. I go through dangerous places, including rivers²⁶ .middle of the ocean
,towns, deserts, and oceans. There are always people who could hurt me, including thieves
I²⁷ .Jewish people, non-Jewish people, and people who pretend to be fellow believers
work very hard. I frequently do not sleep much. I do not have enough to eat or drink. I
Besides²⁸ .frequently go hungry. I sometimes freeze and do not have enough clothing
I anxiously think daily about all the groups of ,**that I could mention** everything else
When a fellow believer is feeble, I am feeble. When someone causes a fellow²⁹ .believers
.believer to sin, I become very angry
Since I need to say great things about myself, I intend to say great things about how³⁰
We all will forever honor the God and Father of the Lord Jesus. He can³¹ .feeble I am
.testify that what I am saying is true
When I was in Damascus city, the local ruler who served King Aretas had soldiers³²
However, fellow believers helped me get away³³ .looking for me in the city to capture me

let it down attached it to a rope, and ,in a large basket They put me .from the local ruler
.through an opening in the city wall

although it is not helpful, I am ,So .I need to say great things about myself¹ 12

.to specific people specially shows things Jesus how the Lord speak about moving on to
heaven. I am not sure level of Fourteen years ago, God took a certain Christian to the third²
physically or in a dream or spiritually. Only God can be sure God took him there whether

I am not ,Again .that specific Christian I will tell you more about Now³ .how it happened
.physically or in a dream or spiritually God took him to the third level of heaven sure whether

the place in ,God took that person into Paradise⁴ .how it happened Only God can be sure

There, he heard amazing things that he cannot repeat to .heaven where dead believers are
since the person I have been talking about is ,I could say great things about that⁵ .anyone

In fact, suppose that I⁶ .However, I will only say great things about how feeble I am .me
did want to say great things about myself. Since I am speaking truthfully, I would still not
people ,That way .say great things about myself be acting foolishly. However, I decide not to

So then, in order⁷ .can only characterize me by what they observe me saying and doing
that I might not become proud because God revealed such great things to me, he allowed
me to suffer. Specifically, a spiritual being whom Satan sent made me suffer. That way, I

three different times to make me stop Jesus I asked the Lord⁸ .might not become proud

He responded by saying to me, “When I act kindly to you, that is⁹ .suffering in that way
all you need. In fact, I make people fully powerful when they are feeble.” Therefore, I will

most happily say more great things about how feeble I am. That way, the Messiah will

when bad things happen to me So then, I am happy¹⁰ .always enable me to act powerfully
the Messiah. This includes when I am feeble, when people say bad things I serve because

I am .about me, when people hurt me, when people persecute me, and when I struggle
.empowers me when I am feeble God because happy

You forced me .I have been speaking foolishly, which is what you forced me to do¹¹

You should .but you are not saying that ,because you should be saying that I am trustworthy

because I am just as great as any people who say that they represent the be saying that
I persevered in acting in¹² .even though I am not great at all That is true .Messiah the best
the ways that prove to you that I really am one whom the Messiah sent to represent him. I

Further, I did not treat you like you were less¹³ .did powerful and amazing things
was I acted differently with you important than any other group of believers. The only way
If that was actually wrong, please forgive .by asking you for money that I did not bother you

!me for doing it

Pay attention! I am about to visit you for the third time. Yet again, I will not bother¹⁴

I do not .to trust me and the Messiah because I want you That is .by asking for money you the things that you have. In fact, since I am like your parent, I should be saving money want .for you. Further, since you are like my children, you should not be saving money for me than I will most happily do and experience anything to help you. When I love you more¹⁵ .than you did before you should not love me less ,I did before

.by asking for money You can agree, then, that I personally did not bother you¹⁶

I somehow tricked you into giving me Maybe .However, perhaps I am a clever person .I have not had anyone visit you who has acted for me by cheating you ,However¹⁷ .money You know .and I had a fellow believer go with him ,to visit you I asked Titus ,For example¹⁸ .Titus did not cheat you. He and I live the same way and do the same things that

You should know that the reason why we have said these things is not to explain to¹⁹ you that I and those who serve with me are trustworthy. Rather, as those whom God has fellow believers ,united to the Messiah, we have been saying what pleases God. Of course I have said these²⁰ .whom we love, we intend everything we say and do to help you grow I I am concerned that .when I visit what will happen because I am concerned about things and that you will discover that I am you to act will discover that you are not acting as I want ,with each other that you may be fighting I am concerned .me to act not acting as you want saying ,each other trying to control ,with each other being angry ,of each other being jealous saying great things about ,about others telling false stories ,about each other bad things what will about I am concerned²¹ .against each other yourselves, or stirring up crowds when I visit you this third time. God may make me ashamed about you. Further, I happen may feel very sad about many people who have previously done what is wrong and have .not stopped having improper sex

At least two or three witnesses must say the same thing“ :The scripture says¹ 13

the next time that I visit Be aware that ”.before we can believe that it is true about someone When I visited you² .that I will be a witness to what you are doing you will be the third time the second time, I warned all of you that I was going to punish everyone among you who had been sinning. And now I am warning you again while I am still away from you. When I I tell you this³ .visit you this third time, I will punish everyone who has been sinning because you have demanded that I prove to you that the Messiah is speaking to you when I ;He will not be weak with you .You will know this when he disciplines you .speak to you the Messiah allowed ,as a man ,You see⁴ .instead, he will work powerfully among you himself to be weak when people nailed him to a cross. But God is powerful, and he has made him alive again. We, too, are weak human beings, as he was. But God also works

powerfully in us to make us live as the Messiah does, so we will work powerfully among
.you

”Each of you should ask yourself: “Do I trust the Messiah and live as he directs me⁵
Then you will know that you truly live as one .in this way Each of you should test yourself
As for us, I am⁶ .with Jesus the Messiah. That is true unless, of course, you fail this test
We pray to God that you⁷ .certain that you will understand that we have passed the test
may not be doing any bad things. We pray for this, not because we want people to consider
but so that you would be doing good ,in disciplining you that we have been successful
things. We want this for you even if it means that people consider that we have failed
even if then we cannot We want you to do good things⁸ .because you did not need us
because we must obey God’s true message. We discipline you and appear to be powerful
people think We are happy when⁹ .cannot do anything that contradicts God’s true message
.without needing discipline from us in obeying God we are weak, because you are strong that
This is the very thing that we pray for, that you may decide to trust and obey God
It is because I want you to trust and obey God completely that I am writing¹⁰ .completely
to you about these things while I am apart from you. Then when I come to you, I will not
have to discipline you severely. The Lord has empowered me to represent him, but he did
not so that I could discourage ,to trust God more that so that I could encourage and help you
.from trusting God you

!Here are the last things that I want to say to you, my fellow believers. Be joyful¹¹
Live in the way that God wants you to live. Let the things that I have said to you encourage
Live peacefully .about the important things Agree with each other .to trust God more you
God will be with you. He is the one who enables you ,If you do these things .with each other
Greet each other affectionately in a way that is¹² .to love and to be peaceful with others
send here appropriate for those who are members of God’s family. All of God’s people
May the Lord Jesus the Messiah act kindly toward you, may God love¹³ .greetings to you
.you, and may the Holy Spirit be with you and join you all together