John 3:16-17

*16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

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*17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (KJV)*

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"Loving is always the foundation for giving."

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II Corinthians 8:1-3

*1 We want to tell you further, brethren, about the grace (the favor and spiritual blessing) of which has been evident in the churches of Macedonia [arousing in them the desire to give alms];*

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*2 For in the midst of an ordeal of severe tribulation, their abundance of joy and their depth of poverty [together] have overflowed in wealth of lavish generosity on their part.*

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*3 For, as I can bear witness, [they gave] according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability; and [they did it] voluntarily. (AMP)*

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II Corinthians 8:4-8

*4 Begging us most insistently for the favor and the fellowship of contributing in this ministration for [the relief and support of] the saints [in Jerusalem].*

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*5 Nor [was this gift of theirs merely the contribution] that we expected, but first they gave themselves to the Lord and to us [as His agents] by the will of God [entirely disregarding their personal interests, they gave as much as they possibly could, having put themselves at our disposal to be directed by the will of God]*

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*6 So much so that we have urged Titus that as he began it, he should also complete this beneficent and gracious contribution among you [the church at Corinth].*

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*7 Now as you abound and excel and are at the front in everything—in faith, in expressing yourselves, in knowledge, in all zeal, and in your love for us—[see to it that you come to the front now and] abound and excel in this gracious work [of almsgiving] also.*

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*8 I give this not as an order [to dictate to you], but to prove, by [pointing out] the zeal of others, the sincerity of your [own] love also. (AMP)*

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II Corinthians 8:9-14

*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).*

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*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 [now 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].*

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*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.*

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*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.*

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*13 For it is not [intended] that other people be eased and relieved [of their responsibility] and you be burdened and suffer [unfairly],*

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*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. (AMP)*

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II Corinthians 8:15-24

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*15 As it is written, He who gathered much had nothing over, and he who gathered little did not lack.*

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*16 But thanks be to God Who planted the same earnest zeal and care for you in the heart of Titus.*

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*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.*

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*18 But we are sending along with him that brother [Luke?] whose praise in the Gospel ministry [is spread] throughout all the churches;*

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*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 administering for the glory of the Lord Himself and [to show] our eager readiness [as Christians to help one another].*

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*20 [For] we are on our guard, intending that no one should find anything for which to blame us in regard to our administration of this large contribution.*

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*21 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.*

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*22 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.*

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*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).*

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*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. (AMP)*

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II Corinthians 9:6-9

*6 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*

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*7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

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*8 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.*

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*9 As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." (ESV)*

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II Corinthians 9:10-15

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*10 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.*

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*11 You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.*

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*12 For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.*

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*13 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,*

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*14 while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you.*

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*15 Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift! (ESV)*

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II Corinthians 9:12

*For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. (ESV)*