# Read 2 Corinthians 8 Before Promising a Gift You Do Not Have - working notes

*One situation. Clear facts. An honest next step.*

Keep Paul's account of generosity beside his appeal to complete the gift from what the Corinthians have. Make a truthful commitment without promising a financial return.

Hypothetical example: A household checks available supplies before confirming a contribution and records the handoff separately from its intention. No financial return is promised.

## 01 Hear the example without turning it into a quota

Read the Macedonian example and the Corinthian appeal in context.

Selected verses

Example Paul describes

Appeal to the Corinthians

## 02 Read intention beside completion

Identify what the passage says about willingness and present means.

Willingness and doing

Words about present means

Question for teaching

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## 03 Keep Christ's grace out of a profit formula

Check a proposed commitment before promising it.

Proposed contribution, without balances

Resources actually available

Agreed limit and recipient route

## 04 Record a commitment at its actual stage

Record completion only after the actual contribution.

Actual handoff

Confirmation available

Unverified impact or return to avoid