

Power in weakness #8

# Financial propriety

2 Corinthians 8:16 - 9:5

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**1. One Sunday night in a galaxy not far from our own ...**

**2. Serving God AND money - church financial scandals**

**3. Jesus warns of the dangers**

money/possessions > sex

money/possessions > heaven and hell

**4. Church leaders and money**

Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3 not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ... 7 He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap. 8 Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. **1 Timothy 3:2-3, 7-8.**

.... men of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain. 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

**1 Timothy 6: 5-6,10.**

Billy Graham -

## **5. Paul and the collection for the church in Jerusalem**

**An Apostle who is scrupulously open & honest:**

**1. Distances himself from the \$\$\$**

**2. Appoints quality people to handle the \$\$\$ 8:17-23**

- i. Titus
- ii. An elected representative of the churches -  
praised by them for his gospel service  
NOTE: Money is a 'spiritual' issue.
- iii. A "zealous brother" who knows the Corinthians

**3. Aware of the danger of criticism v20**

**4. Concern to do what is right (in God's eyes)**

**AND**

**to be seen to do what is right**

**(in the eyes of men and women) 8:21**

**6. Aim - scrupulous honesty**

**Generous, willing giving by the Corinthians 9:1-5**

**7. What about St Anne's?**

**What about you?**

Do you do what is right in God's eyes and in the eyes of men and women when you deal with \$\$\$