



Real Life Ministry ~ 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5  
June 7, 2026

## Questions for the Community

**What does the Bible say?** (goal: go slow, notice the text, let God speak for Himself in the words of His book)

1. According to 2 Corinthians 8:16–24, what qualities does Paul highlight about the men handling the offering?
2. What specific steps does Paul take to ensure the money is handled in a God-honoring way? (8:20–21)
3. Why does Paul send the brothers ahead to Corinth before he arrives? (9:1–5)
4. Read Luke 16:11. What connection does Jesus make between handling money and spiritual trustworthiness?

**What does it mean?** (goal: get to the heart of the text by understanding what Paul is teaching then and how it relates to now)

5. Why do you think Paul cared so much about both the integrity of the people and the systems surrounding the money?
6. The sermon described money as “like dynamite.” In what ways can money be powerful for both good and destruction?
7. Why is transparency important in church leadership and ministry?
8. What does it look like for someone to be “tested and found trustworthy” over time?
9. Why do healthy churches need accountability instead of “just trust me” leadership?
10. Paul strongly follows up with the Corinthians about their commitment to give. Why is loving accountability necessary in the Christian life?

**What do I do?** (goal: move from understanding to faithful, obedient lived response; this is sometimes plain and sometimes requires listening in prayer)

11. How do you personally respond when leaders or pastors ask hard questions or hold you accountable?
12. Is there a commitment you’ve made to God, the church, or another person that you need to follow through on?
13. What practical habits can help you handle money in a way that honors God?
14. The sermon emphasized giving “actually,” not just willingly. What is one concrete step of generosity you can take this week?
15. How can our group help create a culture of honesty, trustworthiness, generosity, and accountability?
16. What would it look like for our church to silence critics by handling money faithfully, transparently, and lovingly?