



Lesson Three Outline - One Cooperative Effort

2 Corinthians 8:16-24

Churches Working Together in One Cooperative Effort

VIDEO INTRODUCTION –

A. Recap & Review the Previous Two Lessons

B. Connecting Dylan's Story to One Cooperative Effort

- 1). What does Dylan need in order to thrive in his calling?
- 2). What opportunities are available to him because of our "One Cooperative Effort?"

C. Bridge Passage to Today's Passage

- 1). 2 Corinthians 9:6– This Is The Point!
- 2). Examples of sowing and reaping
- 3). Are you ready? Will you be ready? Get ready!

I. TEACHING - PAUL KNOWS HIS AUDIENCE: 2 Corinthians 8:16-24

A. What Do We Know About the Corinthian Church Members:

- 1). Corinth was a strategically placed port city
- 2). Corinth was a center of commerce – shipping, trade, financial center

B. Paul Knows His Audience:

- 1). The Partners: vv.16-19
- 2). The Process/Precautions: vv.20-22
- 3). The Protections/Proof: vv. 23-24

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II. CONNECTING THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM –

A. Recapping What They Could Do Together: (How This Baptist System is Funded)

- 1). Connecting what we do together in one cooperative effort
- 2). Opportunity for review and reflection on CP information found in Lesson Two

B. How Dylan Fits Into the Ministries That Receive CP:

- 1). Dylan at the 5-year mark in ministry.
- 2). Dylan at the 8-years mark in ministry.
- 3). Dylan at the 15-year mark in ministry.
- 4). Dylan and the next generation of pastors.

III. DISCUSSION:

- 1). A great deal of information about the Cooperative Program has been covered. What has your attention?
- 2). What questions do you have?
- 3). What does Paul gain from this collection/offering?

- 4). Why is Paul being so protective?
- 5). What measures of accountability do we find in the text? What measures are found in your church?
- 6). Does it bother you that we don't have the name of "The Brother" & "Our Brother?"
- 7). What might be the purpose Paul had for not including their names?
- 8). What are the tangible results of generosity? (Physical and Spiritual)
- 9). If you were to choose how your church spends money, what would you change?
- 10). What stories of generosity and partnership can your church celebrate?
- 11). What is our connection with other SCBaptist & SBC churches?
(Answer = SCBaptist & SBC stats found in Lesson Two)
- 12). Why is our continued cooperation so important?