

Jerusalem Confirms Paul's Apostolic Authority;  
The common concern of all Christians.  
Galatians 2:10

**Review:**

**The Common Concern. 2:10**

**Deuteronomy 15** The Old Testament teaching on this concern.

**Acts 11:20–30** The history of Paul

**James 2:14–16**

**Galatians 6:9–10** Christians taking care of Christians is the Priority.

**1 John 3:17** Christians taking care of one another is a mark of God's love

**John 13:33–35** Christians taking care of each other is a mark their Christianity

**Matthew 6:2–4** Let your giving go unnoticed.

**2 Corinthians 8–9**

8:1 Giving is a demonstration of the grace of God.

8:2 Giving is to be done joyfully and sacrificially. Also verse 3

8:3 Giving is to be done without coercion.

8:4 Giving is to be done eagerly and to be viewed as a privilege.

8:5 Giving is a natural consequence of being surrendered to the will of God.

8:6–7 Giving is among to be among the priorities of the church.

8:8 Giving removes thoughts of hypocrisy.

8:9 Giving reveals one's understanding of the sacrifice of Christ and the riches of one's salvation.

8:10–11 The importance of giving can be forgotten.

8:12 Giving is to be done according to ability.

8:13–15 Giving is to be done to care of true needs.

8:16–24 Integrity of handling the gifts given is a responsibility of church leadership.

9:1–5 Extra nudge. I have spoken proudly to others about your attitude towards giving don't let me be disappointed.

**9:6–15 Summary**

9:6 Be generous in your giving.

9:7 Be cheerful in your giving.

9:8a Be trusting in your giving.

9:8b Be discerning in your giving.

9:9–11a God gives more to those who give so they can give more to the needy..

9:11b–12 Giving thanks to God is the natural consequence all giving.

9:13 God is glorified. The gospel is promoted, Christian unity is enhanced, Prayers are multiplied, The grace of God is abundantly appreciated