

<sup>1</sup>For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you: <sup>2</sup>For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many. <sup>3</sup>Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready: <sup>4</sup>Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting. <sup>5</sup>Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness. <sup>6</sup>But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: <sup>9</sup>(As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. <sup>10</sup>Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) <sup>11</sup>Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. <sup>12</sup>For the administration of this service

<sup>1</sup>قَائِلُهُ مِنْ جِهَةِ الْخِدْمَةِ لِلْقِدِّيسِينَ هُوَ فُضُولٌ مِنِّي أَنْ أَكْتُبَ إِلَيْكُمْ، <sup>2</sup>لَأَنِّي أَعْلَمُ تَسَاطُكُكُمْ الَّذِي أَفْتَحُرُ بِهِ مِنْ جِهَتِكُمْ لَدَى الْمَكِدُونِيِّينَ، أَنَّ أَخَاتِيَّةَ مُسْتَعِدَّةً مُنْذُ الْعَامِ الْمَاضِي، وَغَيْرُكُمْ قَدْ حَرَّصَتِ الْأَكْثَرِينَ. <sup>3</sup>وَلَكِنْ أَرْسَلْتُ الْإِخْوَةَ لئَلَّا يَتَعَطَّلَ افْتِخَارُنَا مِنْ جِهَتِكُمْ مِنْ هَذَا الْقَبِيلِ، كَيْ تَكُونُوا مُسْتَعِدِّينَ، كَمَا قُلْتُ، <sup>4</sup>حَتَّى إِذَا جَاءَ مَعِيَ مَكِدُونِيُّونَ وَوَجَدُوكُمْ غَيْرَ مُسْتَعِدِّينَ، لَا تُحْجَلُ تَحْنٌ، حَتَّى لَا أَقُولَ أَنْتُمْ فِي حَسَارَةِ الْإِفْتِخَارِ هَذِهِ. <sup>5</sup>فَرَأَيْتُ لَازِمًا أَنْ أَطْلُبَ إِلَى الْإِخْوَةِ أَنْ يَسْبِقُوا إِلَيْكُمْ وَهُمْ يَهَيِّئُوا قَبْلًا بَرَكَتُكُمْ الَّتِي يَسْبِقُ التَّخْيِيرُ بِهَا، لئَلَّا يَكُونُوا هِيَ مُعْدَّةً هَكَذَا، كَأَنَّهَا بَرَكَةٌ لَا كَأَنَّهَا بَحْلٌ.

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<sup>6</sup>هَذَا وَإِنَّ مَنْ يَزْرَعُ بِالسَّحَّ قَبَالَ السَّحَّ أَيْضًا يَخْصُدُ، وَمَنْ يَزْرَعُ بِالْبَرَكَاتِ قَبَالَ الْبَرَكَاتِ أَيْضًا يَخْصُدُ. <sup>7</sup>كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ كَمَا يَنْوِي بِقَلْبِهِ، لَيْسَ عَنْ حُزْنٍ أَوْ اضْطِرَارٍّ، لَأَنَّ: الْمُعْطِي الْمَسْرُورَ يُحِبُّهُ اللَّهُ. <sup>8</sup>وَاللَّهُ قَادِرٌ أَنْ يَزِيدَكُمْ كُلَّ نِعْمَةٍ لِكَيْ تَكُونُوا وَلَكُمْ كُلُّ اكْتِفَاءٍ كُلِّ جِينٍ فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، تَزْدَادُونَ فِي كُلِّ عَمَلٍ صَالِحٍ، <sup>9</sup>كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: "فَرَّقْ، أَعْطَى الْمَسَاكِينَ، بُرُّهُ يَبْقَى إِلَى الْأَبَدِ". <sup>10</sup>وَالَّذِي يُقَدِّمُ يَذَارًا لِلزَّرْعِ وَخُبْزًا لِلْأَكْلِ، سَيَقْدِّمُ وَبِكثَرٍ يَذَارُكُمْ وَيُنْمِي غَلَّتِ بَرَكَتُكُمْ، <sup>11</sup>مُسْتَعْنِينَ فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ لِكُلِّ سَخَاءٍ يُنْشِئُ بِنَا شُكْرًا لِلَّهِ. <sup>12</sup>لَأَنَّ افْتِعَالَ هَذِهِ الْخِدْمَةِ لَيْسَ بِسُدِّ إِغْوَارِ الْقِدِّيسِينَ فَقَطْ بَلْ يَزِيدُ بِشُكْرِ كَثِيرٍ لِلَّهِ <sup>13</sup>إِذْ هُمْ يَأْخِذُونَ هَذِهِ الْخِدْمَةَ يَمَجِّدُونَ اللَّهَ عَلَى طَاعَةٍ غَيْرَافُكُمْ لِإِنْجِيلِ الْمَسِيحِ وَسَخَاءِ التَّوَزُّعِ لَهُمْ وَلِلْجَمِيعِ، <sup>14</sup>وَيُبْذَرُ غَائِهِمْ لِأَجْلِكُمْ مُسْتَقَاتِينَ إِلَيْكُمْ مِنْ أَجْلِ نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ الْفَائِقَةِ لَدَيْكُمْ. <sup>15</sup>فَشُكْرًا لِلَّهِ عَلَى عَطِيَّتِهِ الَّتِي لَا يُعْبَرُ عَنْهَا.

not only supplieth the want of the saints,  
but is abundant also by many  
thanksgivings unto God;<sup>13</sup> Whiles by the  
experiment of this ministration they glorify  
God for your professed subjection into the  
gospel of Christ, and for your liberal  
distribution unto them, and unto all  
men;<sup>14</sup> And by their prayer for you, which  
long after you for the exceeding grace of  
God in you.<sup>15</sup> Thanks be unto God for his  
unspeakable gift.