

## 2 Corinthians 8:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of your ready mind:

### Analysis

**And not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of your ready mind**—This brother was not only reputable but formally appointed: *cheirotoneo* *hēis hypo tōn ekklesiōn* (χειροτονηθεὶς ὑπὸ τῶν ἐκκλησιῶν, 'chosen by the churches'). The verb *cheirotoneō* (χειροτονέω) literally means 'to stretch out the hand,' possibly indicating voting by raised hands—early democratic church governance. He would *synekdeimos hēmōn* (συνέκδημος ἡμῶν, 'travel companion with us') administering *tēn charin tautēn* ('this grace-gift').

Paul's purpose statement is crucial: *pros doxan tou kyriou* (πρὸς δόξαν τοῦ κυρίου, 'toward the glory of the Lord') and *prokymian hēmōn* (προθυμίαν ἡμῶν, 'our readiness'). The collection glorifies Christ by demonstrating unity and love; it also reveals the churches' willingness to serve. The phrase *tēn charin tautēn tēn diakonoumenēn hyph' hēmōn* ('this grace being ministered by us') again uses *charis* for the collection—it's grace received (enabling giving) and grace given (the gift itself). Multi-church appointment, Paul's accompaniment, and focus on Christ's glory created maximum transparency and accountability.

## Historical Context

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The phrase 'chosen of the churches' indicates early Christian congregational authority in selecting leaders and representatives. Unlike later hierarchical episcopacy, first-century church governance often involved congregational participation in leadership selection (Acts 6:1-6, 14:23). This democratic element checked apostolic power and ensured accountability, as seen here where churches appointed the collection delegate, not Paul alone.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How should Christian financial ministries ensure transparency and multi-party accountability?
2. What does it mean practically that giving is 'to the glory of the Lord,' not just helping people?
3. How can democratic church governance coexist with pastoral authority?

## Interlinear Text

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<b>not</b>	<b>that only</b>	<b>And</b>	<b>but</b>	<b>also</b>	<b>chosen</b>	<b>by</b>	<b>which</b>
G3756	G3440	G1161	G235	G2532	G5500	G5259	G3588
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ἐκκλησιῶν	συνέκδημος	ἡμῶν	σὺν	τοῦ	χάριτι	ταύτη	
<b>the churches</b>	<b>to travel</b>	<b>us</b>	<b>with</b>	<b>which</b>	<b>grace</b>		G3778
G1577	G4898	G2257	G4862	G3588	G5485		
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τοῦ	διακονουμένη	ὑφ'	ἡμῶν	πρὸς	τοῦ	αὐτοῦ	τοῦ
<b>which</b>	<b>is administered</b>	<b>by</b>	<b>us</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>which</b>	G846	<b>which</b>
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κυρίου	δόξαν	καὶ	προθυμίαν	ὑμῶν			
<b>of the same Lord</b>	<b>the glory</b>	<b>also</b>	<b>ready mind</b>	<b>declaration of your</b>			
G2962	G1391	G2532	G4288	G5216			

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Corinthians 4:15** (Grace): For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

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