

Acts 28:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who also honoured us with many honours; and when we departed, they laded us with such things as were necessary.

Analysis

Who also honoured us with many honours (πολλαῖς τιμαῖς ἐτίμησαν)—emphatic repetition of 'honor' (timai) emphasizes extraordinary gratitude. These weren't mere words but tangible gifts and respect for healing ministry. **And when we departed, they laded us with such things as were necessary** (τὰ πρὸς τὴν χρείαν)—provisions for continuing the journey to Rome. The Maltese supplied a prisoner and his companions with resources, showing how Paul's faithful service reaped practical blessing. This reciprocal generosity demonstrates kingdom economics: those who minister without charge receive voluntary support (1 Corinthians 9:11-14). Paul's refusal to exploit his power for personal gain resulted in overwhelming generosity freely given.

Historical Context

Shipwreck survivors typically lost all possessions. The Maltese provision of 'necessary things' likely included food, clothing, and funds for the remainder of Paul's journey. Such generosity toward a prisoner would have been remarkable, reflecting the profound impact of Paul's ministry during the three-month stay.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does serving without expectation of return often result in greater blessing?
2. What 'necessary things' has God provided through unexpected sources in your journey?

Interlinear Text

οἱ	καὶ	πολλαῖς	τιμαῖς	ἐτίμησαν	ἡμᾶς	καὶ	ἀναγομένοις
Who	also	with many	honoured	honours	us	also	when we departed
G3739	G2532	G4183	G5092	G5091	G2248	G2532	G321
ἐπέθεντο	τὰ	πρὸς	τὴν	χρείαν			
they laded		us with such things as		were necessary			
G2007	G3588	G4314	G3588	G5532			

Additional Cross-References

1 Thessalonians 2:6 (Parallel theme): Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.