

Titus 3:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them.

Analysis

Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently—Ζηνᾶν τὸν νομικὸν (Zēnan ton nomikon, Zenas the lawyer—mentioned only here) καὶ Ἀπολλῶν (kai Apollōn, and Apollos—Acts 18:24-28; 1 Corinthians 1:12, 3:4-6, 22, 4:6, 16:12). νομικός (nomikos, lawyer) could mean Torah expert or Roman jurist; context unclear. προπέμψον σπουδαιώς (propempson spoudaiōs, send forward diligently)—προπέμπω (propempō, send on one's way/help on journey) with σπουδαιώς (spoudaiōs, earnestly/diligently).

That nothing be wanting unto them (ἴνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπῃ, hina mēden autois leipē)—comprehensive provision for traveling missionaries. Early Christian hospitality networks enabled gospel spread. Missionaries didn't charge for the gospel but relied on believers' support (3 John 5-8), demonstrating fellowship and shared mission.

Historical Context

Itinerant ministers depended on Christian hospitality. Without hotels, believers housed travelers. Without postal system, they carried letters (Tychicus brought Ephesians, Colossians). Without funding organizations, local churches supplied needs. This created interdependence—missionaries dependent on churches, churches dependent on missionaries for gospel and teaching.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. Do you support gospel workers generously, ensuring "nothing be wanting unto them"?
2. How can you practice biblical hospitality—housing, feeding, funding missionaries and traveling ministers?
3. What missionaries or gospel workers can you "send forward" with diligent, comprehensive provision?

Interlinear Text

Ζηνᾶν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶ σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον
Zenas G3588 the lawyer and Apollos diligently Bring
G2211 G3544 G2532 G625 G4709 G4311

ἴνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπῃ
that nothing unto them be wanting
G2443 G3367 G846 G3007

Additional Cross-References

Acts 18:24 (Word): And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.

Matthew 22:35 (Word): Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,