

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—Ζηῆναν 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 σπουδαίως (propempson spoudaiōs, send forward diligently)—προπέμπω (propempō, send on one's way/help on journey) with σπουδαίως (spoudaiōs, earnestly/diligently).

That nothing be wanting unto them (ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπη, 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
ἵνα	μηδὲν	αὐτοῖς	λείπη			
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,