

Generosity Must Be Protected!
Givers should be able to trust those who handle what's been given.
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Taking Offerings Requires Taking Precautions!
Safeguards must be put in place to prevent any financial impropriety—or even the appearance of it.
2 Corinthians 8:20-21, NIV We want to avoid any criticism of the way we administrate this liberal gift. For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man.

Safeguard #1 Multiple Money Handlers!

Charitable gifts should not be placed in the custody of just one person.

2 Corinthians 8:6, 18-19 & 22, NLT

So we have urged <u>Titus</u>, who encouraged your giving in the first place, to return to you and encourage you to finish this ministry of giving...We are also sending <u>another brother with Titus</u>...He was appointed by the churches to accompany us as we take the offering to Jerusalem...We are also sending <u>with them another of our brothers</u>...

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Reputable	Money	Handlers!

Those who manage offerings must be well-respected and above reproach.

2 Corinthians 8:18, 23, NIV & 8:22, NLT

And we are sending along with [Titus] the brother who is <u>praised</u> by all the churches for his service to the gospel...We are also sending with them another of our brothers who has <u>proven himself many times</u>...As for Titus, he is <u>my partner and co-worker among you</u>; as for our brothers, they are representatives of the churches and <u>an honor to Christ</u>.

Safeguard #3 Capable Money Handlers!

It takes certain skills to process contributions properly, and to prepare them for distribution to their designated recipients.

2 Corinthians 9:5, NIV

So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance to <u>finish the arrangements</u>...<u>Then it will be ready</u> as a generous gift...

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"The churches" united together as shareholders in this offering, enlarging the scope and impact of their generosity.

2 Corinthians 8:18-19 & 23-24, NIV

And we are sending along with [Titus] the brother who is praised by all the churches for his service to the gospel. What is more, he was chosen by the churches to accompany us as we carry the offering...as for our brothers, they are representatives of the churches and an honor to Christ. Therefore show these men the proof of your love and the reason for our pride in you, so that the churches can see it.

Your giving not only ENLARGES the ministry of Village Church, it ENLARGES your own ministry too!

When you give, you enable others to minister, and you become a partner with them!

You share in the fruit and the reward of their labor!