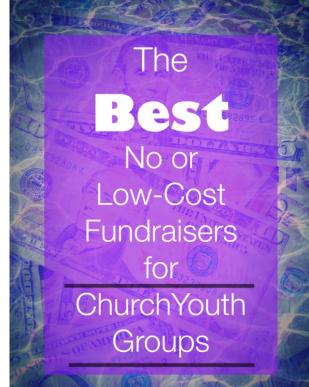
9 Odd fundraising ideas that might just work

- March Madness bracket pool
- 2) CrossFit fundraiser
- 3) Hairless for hundreds
- 4) Game tournament
- 5) Guessing game
- 6) Date night fundraiser
- 7) Crockpot cook-off
- 8) Trivia night
- 9) Part-time job

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⁷ But just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also.

Abound (in the sense of *beyond*); **superabundant** (in quantity) or *superior* in quality. Over the top.

Everything - every kind or variety. You super abound in everything spiritual.

Paul recognizes in how many ways the Corinthians were enriched as a body of believers. 1 Cor. 1:5

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YOU ABOUND IN:

faith, Pistis "faith," has the secondary meaning of "an assurance or guarantee"

Vine's Expository Dictionary

utterance, Logos, means a word or speech. They could speak the Word.

knowledge, Gnosis (noun) the word simply means knowledge. Verb form - "to understand completely," knowledge of the glory of Christ.

Vine's Expository Dictionary

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Book	Description	Context
KJV	1Co 1:5 After his salutation and thanksgiving	5 That in everything ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge;
NKJV	uninterpreted, can	⁶ But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge , by prophesying, or by teaching?
KJV	1Co 15:34 But Christ has been raised from the dead	34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.
KJV	2Co 2:14 He tells them why he left Troas for Macedonia	14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causes us to triumph in Christ, and makes manifest the savor of his knowledge by us in every place.
NKJV	2Co 4:6 Paul disavows deceit in his preaching	⁶ For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to <i>give</i> the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
NKJV	2Co 8:7 He urges the Corinthians to be liberal (generous)	⁷ But as you abound in everythingin faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us <i>see</i> that you abound in this grace also.

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<u>Earnestness</u> - diligence, <u>spoudē</u>, speed, eagerness. In all earnestness or eagerness.

<u>love</u>, <u>agape</u> - the love that was from us to you or your love for us

Paul's desire is that they might also abound in the grace that cares for God's needy people.

⁸ I am not speaking this as a command, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity of your love also.

Command – **Epitagē** stresses "<u>the authoritativeness</u> of the command" Vine's Expository Dictionary

We have seen how powerfully the grace of the Lord acted on the saints of Macedonia. Now he brings the Lord's grace to bear on those of Corinth whom he had taught to believe in the principle of grace.

Proving – **dokimazō**, "to prove with a view to the result desired," to test so as to verify the truth. Proof of one's genuine love for Christ.

Vine's Expository Dictionary

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

McCalley asks the question.... Why did Paul repeat "For you know"? - to know experientially in your heart. Did they know this doctrine?

Yes, but he repeats it so that it is one thing to know a doctrine; it is another thing to link it to the details of life. He uses doctrine and then links it to the details of life.

To awaken this love the Apostle reminds them that in Christ we have the most perfect example of giving.... in Christ we see One who was rich, yet for our sakes became poor in order to give to others the true riches.

H Smith

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

In the preceding context, Paul has urged upon the Corinthian believers personal sacrifice for Christ.

Now Christ is held before them as the supreme example of sacrifice.

What His riches were and to what depth of poverty He descended cannot be comprehended by men.

Nor can the riches which He thus provides for all who are saved be estimated.

Chafer's Systematic Theology - Volume 5: Christology

¹⁰ I give my opinion in this matter, for this is to your advantage, who were the first to begin <u>a year ago</u> not only to do this, but also to desire to do it.

Now, having made it clear that he was not giving an apostolic command, he now gives his *advice*.

What they had started to do "a year ago" let them now finish it up. But let's do it on right principles.

- 1. God's grace produces the desire to give.
- 2. God's grace produces the giving of ourselves and financially, not grudgingly or of necessity.

¹¹ But now finish the doing it also, so that just as there was the readiness to desire it, so there may be also the completion of it by your ability.

Principles of Giving - 2 Cor. 8:10-15

- 1. God's grace produces the desire to give 8:11,12.
- 2. Giving (of ourselves and financially) not grudgingly or of necessity -8:7.
- 3. God's grace produces the readiness of mind to give 8:11,12.
- 4. The amount of giving is in proportion to what God has given us 8:12 (e.g. we should not go into debt to give).
- 5. The purpose of grace-giving is that there might be equality (supplying each other's needs) 8:14,15. Jim Poole and Hal Molloy

¹² For if the readiness is present, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have.

readiness - eagerness or willingness

Principle # 3

God's grace produces the readiness of mind to give.

Principle #4

The amount of giving is in proportion to what God has given us.

13 For this is not for the ease of others and for your affliction, but by way of equality—

Equality - isotēs - *likeness* (in condition or proportion); by implication *equity* : equal fairness, what is equitable.

Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary

Giving is not intended for one person to give to the degree that they are hurt, and another person made to live in ease.

Remember: 2 Corinthians 8:5 (NASB)

Give yourself to the Lord first.

Give yourself to the ministry.

⁵ and this, not as we had expected, <u>but they first gave</u> <u>themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.</u>

¹⁴ at this present time your abundance being a supply for their need, so that their abundance also may become a supply for your need, that there may be equality

Principle #5

5. The purpose of giving is that there might be equality (supplying each other's needs).

Your supplying their need may in the future necessitate their supplying your need.

equality - equal fairness

"at the <u>present time</u> your abundance for their lack, that their abundance also should be for your lack."

¹⁵ as it is written, "HE WHO gathered MUCH DID NOT HAVE TOO MUCH, AND HE WHO gathered LITTLE HAD NO LACK."

Exodus 16:18

God adjusted the supply to the demand with a wisdom and power which excluded extravagance and avoided deficiency.

He that gave the manna from heaven measured it exactly, whatever the differing measures in man's hands.

We are dealing with the same God, who regulates all in the church with unquestionably no less care and love.