



"NOW CONCERNING"—

*Reply To Their Letter –
Liberty In Christ – 7:1-16:4*

**“Paul’s Plans For
The Church In
Corinth”**

1 Corinthians 16:1-24

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I CORINTHIANS 16:1-24

CHAPTER OUTLINE

- ◆ The Collection For The Saints: 16:1-4
- ◆ Personal Travel Plans: 16:5-9
- ◆ Timothy And Apollos: 16:10-12
- ◆ Exhortation/Respect Those Who Labor Among You: 16:13-18
- ◆ Final Greetings: 16:19-24



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1 Corinthians 16:1-24 (NKJV)

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³ And when I come, whomever you approve by *your* letters I will send to bear your gift to Jerusalem. ⁴ But if it is fitting that I go also, they will go with me. ⁵ Now I will come to you when I pass through Macedonia (for I am passing through Macedonia).

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⁶ And it may be that I will remain, or even spend the winter with you, that you may send me on my journey, wherever I go. ⁷ For I do not wish to see you now on the way; but I hope to stay a while with you, if the Lord permits. ⁸ But I will tarry in Ephesus until Pentecost.

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⁹ For a great and effective door has opened to me, and *there are* many adversaries. ¹⁰

Now if Timothy comes, see that he may be with you without fear; for he does the work of the Lord, as I also *do*. ¹¹ Therefore let no one despise him. But send him on his journey in peace, that he may come to me; for I am waiting for him with the brethren.

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¹² Now concerning *our* brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to come to you with the brethren, but he was quite unwilling to come at this time; however, he will come when he has a convenient time. ¹³ Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.

¹⁴ Let all *that* you *do* be done with love.

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¹⁵ I urge you, brethren--you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and *that* they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints-- ¹⁶ that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with *us*.

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¹⁷ I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. ¹⁸ For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. ¹⁹ The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

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²⁰ All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. ²¹ The salutation with my own hand--Paul's. ²² If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! ²³ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you.

²⁴ My love *be* with you all in Christ Jesus.
Amen.

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THE COLLECTION FOR THE SAINTS - (I-4)



**1 Corinthians 16:1
(NKJV)**

**¹Now concerning
the collection for
the saints, as I have
given orders to the
churches of
Galatia, so you
must do also:**

♦ **Verse 1** – Now concerning . . .

'Apparently they have written for further instructions as to their part in the collection for the poor in Jerusalem, especially how they are to go about it and how it is to get to Jerusalem.'

(Fee p. 809)

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churches of
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must do also:**

- ◆ **Verse 1** – Now concerning . . .
 - ❖ Paul had participated in previous benevolent efforts - (Acts 11:29-30; 12:25)
 - ❖ The churches in the Galatian region had already been instructed. (16:1)
 - ❖ This collection for the poor saints in Jerusalem had been started some time previous to this letter. (16:3; Romans 15:26),

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◆ **Verse 1** – Now concerning . . .

“He didn't even have to say which saints. What does that tell you? (1) That they had prior knowledge of which saints, and (2) They had agreed to do something about it.”

(McGuiggan p. 212)

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Why were they in need? . . . 'The more probable and permanent cause was the persecution and social ostracism suffered by Christians in Jerusalem...In a city of which the prosperity depended in large measure upon Jewish rites and ceremonies, converts to Christianity would have peculiar difficulty in securing employment and obtaining financial support..' (Erdman p. 170)

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Why were they in need? . . . 'With little natural or commercial wealth, the city (Jerusalem) lived mainly upon its religious character--on the attractions of the Temple and the Feasts thronged by Jews from the whole world..' (Gr.Ex. N.T. p. 944)
We should also remember that famine had also hit this region in the past. (Acts 11:28)

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Galatia, so you
must do also:**

- ◆ Congregations outside of Palestine were indebted to the Jerusalem congregation in spreading the gospel. (Romans 15:27)
- ◆ Would demonstrate that the members in the churches that Paul had established were obedient to God. (2 Cor. 9:11-15)
- ◆ Would bring closer together the Jewish and Gentile Christians...

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**"The collection for the
saints" also referred to as:**

- ◆ "Fellowship" (2 Cor. 8:4; 9:13)
- ◆ "Service" (2 Cor. 8:4; 9:1,12,13)
- ◆ "Grace" (2 Cor. 8:4,6,7)
- ◆ "Blessing" (2 Cor. 9:5)
- ◆ "Divine service" (2 Cor. 9:12).

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- ✦ ‘For the saints’-Something that is repeatedly mentioned about this collection. (Romans 15:25-27; 2 Cor. 8:4; 9:1,12)
- ✦ Poor non-Christians also existed in the First Century. But we never find the church taking up a collection for the poor outside of Christ.

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the saints, as I have
given orders to the
churches of
Galatia, so you
must do also:**

- ◆ Individual members could / can assist non-Christians - (Galatians 6:10; James 1:27),
- ◆ Resources pooled at the congregational level were only used for relieving the needs of other Christians - (Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-37; 11:29-30; 1 Tim 5:16; 9-10)

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churches of
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must do also:**

- ◆ **'As I gave order'**-*'as I directed'* (NASV);
*'carry out the same arrangements as I
made for the churches of Galatia'* (Mof)
- This must be viewed as a command,
"so you must do also" - (2 Cor. 9:1-6)
- ◆ **'To the churches of Galatia'**-Paul had
recently come through Galatia on his
way to Ephesus (Acts 18:23),
- ◆ **'So also do ye'**- Uniformity in practice
existed in the First Century
congregations. (4:17; 7:17; 11:16; 14:33-34)

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**1 Corinthians 16:2
(NKJV)**

² On the first *day* of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.

- ◆ **'Upon the first day of the week'-**
 - ❖ **'On the first day of every week' (NASV);**
 - ❖ **'Kata is distributive so that we may translate: "Sunday by Sunday let each of you lay by." (Lenski p. 759);**
 - ❖ **'Kata has a distributive force, every first day' (Vincent p. 288)**

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◆ **'Upon the first day of the week'-**

'The fact that Paul makes such a reference at all implies that there is some significance to their setting money aside on this day rather than, for example, "once a week." This is verified further by the note in Acts 20:7, which implies most strongly that Paul and the others waited in Troas until the "first day of the week" precisely because that is when the Christians gathered for the breaking of bread..' (Fee pp. 813-814)

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◆ ‘Let each one of you’-

- ◆ Every Christian had an obligation to give something. God intended that every Christian participate.
- ◆ Compare with baptism, (Acts 2:38), singing (Col 3:16), the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:26); and public prayers (1 Cor. 14:16)

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- ◆ ‘Lay something aside, storing up’-
 - ❖ ‘Personally set aside’ (Ber).
 - ❖ Some say that 'lay by him', demands the interpretation of 'lay by him at home'.
 - ❖ But consider: Such 'laying up at home' would defeat the purpose of this instruction. Paul was giving instructions that would prevent a mass gathering when he arrived.
(16:2)

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◆ **'Lay something aside, storing up'-**

'Let me just observe that whatever Paul did not want to be done when he came is precisely what was to be taken care of on the first day of every week...we are forced to conclude that the activity of vs. 1-2 is a public, first-day-of-the week collection.'

(Willis p. 601)

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◆ ‘Lay something aside, storing up’-

‘But it certainly seems to me that if they were keeping it at home (1) the stipulation of the day (every first day) makes no sense (why would it not be just as acceptable and effective to do it on Thursday?), and (2) Paul would be defeating his own desire of having no collections when he came since they’d have to bring the money in from homes all over the city.’ (McGuiggan p. 212)

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- ◆ ‘Lay something aside, storing up’-
 - ❖ ‘in store’-2343. thesaurizo {thay-sow-rid’-zo}; from 2344; to amass or reserve (literally or figuratively): -lay up (treasure), (keep) in store, (heap) treasure (together, up).
 - ❖ Means, literally, "put into the treasury". . . It was put in the public treasury of the church, but kept by itself as a separate fund.' (McGarvey p. 161)

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- ◆ Some attempt to dismiss this passage as authorizing the weekly collection of a local church . . .
 - ❖ They say it is an example for a specific purpose – therefore it cannot be used as the pattern for collecting funds to support other aspects of the local churches work.

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'Some have argued that this passage only authorizes a collection for relieving the needs of the poor among the saints and not for general purposes (such as for buying and maintaining a building, supporting a preacher, etc..). This passage has never been used to show all of the scriptural usages of the first-day-of-the-week collection. . . .

(Willis pp. 596-597)

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“ . . . Instead, it has been used, and properly so, as the only passage in the Bible to tell how churches raised their funds in the New Testament. Other passages imply a common treasury (2 Cor. 11:8; Phil. 4:14-16; 1 Tim. 5:9,16). We can know how the money in those treasuries was raised only from this passage. We must consult other New Testament passages to understand all of the things for which the collection can be scripturally spent.”
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◆ ‘As he may prosper’-

- ❖ There is no hint of tithing – we are not under the OT system.
- ❖ Nothing said about church leaders investigating the personal incomes of it's members, and then legislating how much each individual or family must give.
- ❖ A tremendous amount of error exists in the religious world concerning the topic of giving.

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◆ **'As he may prosper' -**

- ❖ God doesn't expect us to give all of our money and everything we own to the church.
- ❖ Must support our families - (1 Tim. 5:8);
- ❖ Pay honest debts - (Romans 13:8);
- ❖ Take care of relatives - (1 Tim. 5:16);
- ❖ Pay our taxes - (Romans 13:7)

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“I have known of those who make large donations to Church treasuries while they leave unforgiven creditors to beg for the money the Christian owes them. There is a foolish idea abroad that money given into Church treasuries is more appreciated by God than the paying of honest debts...We're doing God no favors if we drive the unforgiven creditor to believe that God approves of thieves as long as they contribute to some Church budget.”
(McGuiggan - Romans pp. 384-385)

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**1 Corinthians 16:3-4
(NKJV)**

**3 And when I come,
whomever you
approve by your
letters I will send to
bear your gift to
Jerusalem.**

**4 But if it is fitting
that I go also, they
will go with me.**

- ◆ This collection was probably a large sum and all in coin!
- ◆ There is some safety in numbers.
- ◆ Each congregation's offering remained its own, (*It wasn't all sent to some "sponsoring church" or headquarters, and then distributed*)
- ◆ "If circumstances are such that the mission work demands my journeying . . . they shall go with me.' (p. 603)

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Summing Up Section:

“On a weekly basis they should set money aside, as the Lord has prospered them. No pressure, no gimmicks, no emotion. A need had to be met, and the Corinthians were capable to playing a role in it. In a day of highly visible campaigns for money on every side, there is something to be said for the more consistent, purposeful approach outlined here.” (Fee p. 817)



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PAUL’S TRAVEL PLANS - (5-9)



**1 Corinthians 16:5
(NKJV)**

**5 Now I will come to
you when I pass
through Macedonia
(for I am passing
through Macedonia).**

- ✦ Paul did winter at Corinth. (Acts 20:1-3; Romans 15:25-27; 16:23). (*He wrote the letter to the Romans*).
- ✦ 'Or even winter'-Paul knows that circumstances can change his travel plans. In fact a conspiracy in Corinth will eventually drive him out of that city. (Ja 4:13-15; Acts 20:3)
- ✦ Paul doesn't desire to immediately come to Corinth - opportunities in Ephesus exist (16:8-9).

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TIMOTHY AND APOLLOS - (10-12)



**1 Corinthians 16:5
(NKJV)**

**5 Now I will come to
you when I pass
through Macedonia
(for I am passing
through Macedonia).**

- ✦ This letter to the Corinthians would reach them before Timothy had arrived.
- ✦ Timothy's task was to instruct the Corinthians in what Paul taught in every church. (4:17)
- ✦ Timothy was a young man. (1 Tim. 4:12)
- ✦ It seems that the Corinthians had written Paul, requesting that Apollos come back to Corinth (12)

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EXHORTATIONS AND GREETINGS (13-18)



**1 Corinthians 16:13-14
(NKJV)**

¹³ Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.

¹⁴ Let all *that* you do be done with love.

- ◆ **'Watch ye'** - 'Keep your eyes open for spiritual danger'
- ◆ **'stand fast in the faith'** - Stand for Christ and don't move! Faith here is probably 'the faith' - (15:1)
- ◆ **Be brave** - 'quit you like men' (KJV) - 'act like men' (NASV) - When confronting sin and error, we cannot be fearful or timid.
- ◆ **"Be strong"** – Be mature, firm fixed, steadfast - (See Ephesians 6:10-18)

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EXHORTATIONS AND GREETINGS (13-18)



**1 Corinthians 16:13-14
(NKJV)**

**13 Watch, stand fast in
the faith, be brave, be
strong.**

**14 Let all *that you do* be
done with love.**

◆ **Let all that you do be done with
love** - Lovelessness was one of the
radical faults of this congregation.

“ . . . quarrels in the name of leaders in
chaps. 1-3, their attitude toward him in
chaps. 4 and 9, the lawsuits in 6:1-11,
husband-wife relationships in chap. 7,
the abuse of the weak by those with
"knowledge" in 8:1-10:22, the abuse of the
"have-nots" at the Lord's Supper, and the
failure to edify the church - chaps. 12-14.

- (Fee p. 828)

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“If they were to “do all things in love”, then these other things would not be happening. It is therefore no surprise that this is the final expression of parenesis in the letter.” (Fee p. 828)
(See Colossians 3:14)

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1 Corinthians 16:15-18 (NKJV)

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FINAL GREETINGS – (19-21)

1 Corinthians 16:19-24 (NKJV)

¹⁹ The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. ²⁰ All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. ²¹ The salutation with my own hand--Paul's. ²² If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! ²³ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. ²⁴ My love *be* with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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CONCLUDING THOUGHTS



- ✦ Are we giving to the Lord as we should?
- ✦ Are we vigilant? – Standing steadfast in the doctrine of Christ? Brave, courageously standing for truth and against error? Strong – mature?
- ✦ Doing everything in LOVE?

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CONCLUDING THOUGHTS



- ✦ Corinth was a church with many problems – but their past and current state at the time of this epistle did not determine their future!
- ✦ We too may have problems – but if we will listen to God’s word – conform to the will of God – we can accomplish much for the cause of Christ and glorify God!

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2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (NKJV)

⁶ But this *I say*: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ So *let* each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (NKJV)

⁸ And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work. ⁹ As it is written: "*He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.*"

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, ¹¹ while *you are* enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (NKJV)

¹² For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God,

¹³ while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal sharing with them and all *men*,

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ and by their prayer for you,
who long for you because of
the exceeding grace of God in
you. ¹⁵ Thanks *be* to God for
His indescribable gift!