



Offer Hope. Grow in Community. Be the Church.

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1 Corinthians 16:1-14: Keep Serving Jesus!

Verses 1-4:

Let's start out with principles to obey individually in giving.

Just like I told your sister churches in Galatia...

- Every Sunday...
- Each of you...
- Should set aside some money for an offering...
- In proportion to your income...

Three more things about giving

1. Every time we are generous, we give a little of our greed away.
2. The Lord remembers our gifts.

...you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. (Philippians 4:16-17)

3. Giving is a great opportunity to cross different races/groups/countries to show love to our brothers and sisters in need.

Now, let's talk about the direction Paul gives to churches on stewarding these gifts.

Paul tells the church:

- Pick trustworthy men.
- I will give you letters for introducing you to the brothers/sisters in Jerusalem.
- If it seems better, your money carriers can travel to Jerusalem with me.

Read Verses 5-12



Some things we should learn...

1. God can do a lot through a little church (like Antioch) that's willing to send out Paul, Barnabas, John Mark, and Silas.
2. Serve Jesus with others. (They also picked up Luke, Apollos, Timothy, Chloe, Lydia, and others).
3. In 1 Corinthians 16, Paul said, "God is doing some big things here in Ephesus. Apollos and I can't come to you Corinthians right away because we need to join in what He is up to here (even though there is great opposition)." Hope, we do the same. We should look to see what God is up to around us. How is He working around you? He is always at work.

So, we can't come to you yet Corinthians... in the meantime...

Verses 13-14:

It is imperative that you:

- “Be on your guard”
- “Stand firm in the faith”
- “Be courageous”
- “Be strong”
- “Do everything in love”

HOME GROUP Questions for 1 Corinthians 16:1-14...

1. What do Paul’s instructions about the collection for the church in Jerusalem mean for us today? What habits of giving to support the church should be a part of our walk with Jesus? Read the following passages:
 - Matthew 6:2-4 – When you give to the needy, do not trumpet it.
 - Luke 6:38 - By your standard of measure it will be given to you.
 - 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 – Be cheerful. The bountiful sower will reap bountifully
 - 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 – They pleaded for the privilege to share by giving.
 - Luke 16:10-13 – Those manage a little money well will also manage a lot of money well, but if one doesn’t manage a little well, he won’t manage a lot well.
2. Paul’s desire is to spend some significant time with the Corinthians on his way through town the next time. What benefits are there when God’s people are able to build deep, lasting relationships with one another as Paul did with the Corinthians?
3. What does verses 10 & 11 tell us about our attitude towards church leaders?