

1 Corinthians: Church for Broken People

“Collection and Commendation”

1 Corinthians 16

Often overlooked, the closing verses of this letter provide delicious insight into the life of the New Testament Church in general, and the Corinthian church in particular. After 15 chapters of instruction for congregational problems, Paul turns to the future with the full expectation that this church will advance the Kingdom of Christ effectively in the years ahead. He calls them to be the church they were designed by God to be!

1. Collection of Offerings (vv.1-4)

- **Planned Regularity**
- **Personal Responsibility**
- **Proportionate Return**

2. Contemplation of the Future (vv.5-12)

3. Completion of Instruction (vv.13, 14)

- **Solid Defense**
- **Sound Offense**
- **Settled Principle**

4. Commendation of Friends (vv.15-24)