

## 1 Corinthians 16

### v.1-3 Collections for the needs of the ministry

- explain how we do things-
  - offering collected by 2 men
  - then counted and verified by 2 men (only one keeping track of who is giving)
  - total given to me
  
- 10% of all monies to outside ministries
  - Pam Markey, CCBC Hungary
  - Mike and Michelle Pratt, Ukraine,
  - Jed and Renee Gourley, Georgia
  - For His Glory
  - Carlos Casco, Intensive Care Ministries, South America –
  - Thrive Pregnancy Resource Center
  - Restore St. Louis, Freedom School
  - Hope for the Persecuted, Mideast

### Giving/Tithing

*(Lev 27:30-31 NKJV) 'And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's. It is holy to the LORD. {31} 'If a man wants at all to redeem any of his tithes, he shall add one-fifth to it.*

*(Deu 12:5-6 NKJV) "But you shall seek the place where the LORD your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go. {6} "There you shall take your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, your vowed offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks.*

*(Mal 3:8-12 NKJV) "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. {9} You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation. {10} Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it. {11} "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," Says the LORD of hosts; {12} "And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land," Says the LORD of hosts.*

*(Heb 7:1-4 NKJV) For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, {2} to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," {3} without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. {4} Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.*

*(Mat 23:23 NKJV) "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.*

v.5-12 Paul's plans- money is just a part, God wants our hearts, our service,

v.9 great and effective door opened

- redeem the time
- Bible College
- Radio Station
- mission trips
- now is the time

There are adversaries- in the last year more than ever, we had adversaries to the ministry, there have been attacks on so many fronts

- marriages
- finances
- attacks on the ministry
- distractions

v.13 watch- be vigilant, stay awake

- *(Rom 13:12 NKJV) The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.*

*(1 Th 5:6 NKJV) Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.*

*(Rev 3:2 NKJV) "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God.*

stand fast in the faith- be stationary, persevere, don't be weary in well doing  
- don't give up, now is the time to go more than ever

be brave- take a stand

be strong- actually be strengthened or be empowered, we have talked a lot in this book about the Holy Spirit, about yielding to Him, being empowered by Him  
**Stay the course**

v.18 they refreshed my spirit- this is our role to one another

v.22 if you don't love Jesus, this is your state of condition

v.22 come Lord Jesus- Maranatha

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I determined to know nothing except Jesus Christ and Him crucified

We are the temple of the Holy Spirit

Our behavior affects the rest of the Body- for stumbling or for edification

Marriage is sacred

Don't compromise with idols/the world

OT written for our edification- be in the Word

Be filled with the Holy Spirit- use your giftings

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