

First Corinthians 16:1-11
Godward Planning part 1

Godward planning concerning giving—16:1-4

- 1) Consistency throughout the letter—16:1 ¹ *Now concerning the collection for the saints,*
 - a) Cf. 7:1, 25; 8:1; 12:1; 16:12
 - b) Cf. 2nd Corinthians 8-9; Romans 15:26
- 2) Consistency among congregations—16:1 *as I have given directions to the congregations of Galatia, so **you**^{pl} (emphatic) also must do.*
- 3) Principles for giving—16:2
 - a) Regular—² *On the first day of the week* (i.e. Sunday; cf. Acts 20:7)
 - b) Universal—*let each one of you*^{pl}
 - c) Disciplined—*set something*
 - d) Private—*aside*, (literally “alongside himself”, i.e. at home)
 - e) Deliberate—*storing up* [*thesaurizo*]
 - f) Proportionate—*as he may be prospered* (by God),
 - g) Purposeful—*so that there will be no collections when I come*.
- 4) Possibilities—16:3
 - a) Paul honored the congregation’s decision—16:3 ³ *And when I arrive, whomever you*^{pl} *may approve through letters* [*epistole*] (cf. Acts 20:4), *I will send these to carry your*^{pl} *grace-gift* [*charis*] *to Jerusalem*;
 - b) Paul decided based on appropriateness—16:4 ⁴ *and if* (3rd class condition, probable) *it is appropriate for me to go also* (cf. Acts 19:21), *they will go with me*.

Godward planning concerning traveling—16:5-11

- 1) Possibilities of one’s own travel arrangements—16:5
 - a) Whenever—16:5 ⁵ *But I will come to you*^{pl} *whenever I travel to Macedonia* (for I am traveling to Macedonia); (cf. Acts 20:1-2)
 - b) Weather or not—16:6 ⁶ *and perhaps I will stay with you*^{pl} *or even spend the winter* (i.e. shipping normally stopped mid-September to mid-March), *so that **you**^{pl} (emphatic) may furnish my journey, wherever I may go*.
 - c) Why?—16:7-9
 - i) If the Lord allows—16:7 ⁷ *For I do not desire to see you*^{pl} *now just while passing through, but I hope to spend some time with you*^{pl}, *if* (3rd class condition, probable) *the Lord allows*. (cf. Acts 20:3; Paul writes a letter to the Romans from Corinth)
 - ii) Paul’s intentions—16:8-9 ⁸ *But I will spend some time in Ephesus until Pentecost* (i.e. May-June), (cf. Paul wrote 1st Corinthians from Ephesus)
 - (1) Why? ⁹ *because a wide door for effective ministry has opened for me, and there are many adversaries*. (cf. Colossians 4:3; 2nd Corinthians 2:12)
- 2) Possibilities of the travel arrangements of Timothy—16:10-11
 - a) Command # 1—16:10 ¹⁰ *Now if* (3rd class condition, probable) *Timothy arrives, see that he is with you*^{pl} *without fear* [*aphobos*];
 - i) Why? *because he is active* [*ergazomai*] *in the Lord’s work* [*ergon*], *like I am*.
 - b) Command # 2—16:11
 - i) Negatively—¹¹ *Therefore let no one despise* (consider unworthy, discredit) *him*.
 - ii) Positively—*But furnish his journey in peace* (cf. 16:6)
 - (1) Why? # 1—*so that he may come to me*,
 - (2) Why? # 2—*because I am anticipating him with the brothers*.