

First Corinthians 16:1-11  
Godward Planning part 1

**Godward planning concerning giving—16:1-4**

- 1) Consistency throughout the letter—16:1 <sup>1</sup> *Now concerning the collection for the saints,*
  - a) Cf. 7:1, 25; 8:1; 12:1; 16:12
  - b) Cf. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 8-9; Romans 15:26
- 2) Consistency among congregations—16:1 *as I have given directions to the congregations of Galatia, so **you**<sup>pl</sup> (emphatic) also must do.*
- 3) Principles for giving—16:2
  - a) Regular—<sup>2</sup> *On the first day of the week* (i.e. Sunday; cf. Acts 20:7)
  - b) Universal—*let each one of you*<sup>pl</sup>
  - 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 <sup>3</sup> *And when I arrive, whomever you*<sup>pl</sup> *may approve through letters* [*epistole*] (cf. Acts 20:4), *I will send these to carry your*<sup>pl</sup> *grace-gift* [*charis*] *to Jerusalem*;
  - b) Paul decided based on appropriateness—16:4 <sup>4</sup> *and if* (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>5</sup> *But I will come to you*<sup>pl</sup> *whenever I travel to Macedonia* (for I am traveling to Macedonia); (cf. Acts 20:1-2)
  - b) Weather or not—16:6 <sup>6</sup> *and perhaps I will stay with you*<sup>pl</sup> *or even spend the winter* (i.e. shipping normally stopped mid-September to mid-March), *so that **you**<sup>pl</sup> (emphatic) may furnish my journey, wherever I may go*.
  - c) Why?—16:7-9
    - i) If the Lord allows—16:7 <sup>7</sup> *For I do not desire to see you*<sup>pl</sup> *now just while passing through, but I hope to spend some time with you*<sup>pl</sup>, *if* (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>8</sup> *But I will spend some time in Ephesus until Pentecost* (i.e. May-June), (cf. Paul wrote 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians from Ephesus)
      - (1) Why? <sup>9</sup> *because a wide door for effective ministry has opened for me, and there are many adversaries*. (cf. Colossians 4:3; 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 2:12)
- 2) Possibilities of the travel arrangements of Timothy—16:10-11
  - a) Command # 1—16:10 <sup>10</sup> *Now if* (3<sup>rd</sup> class condition, probable) *Timothy arrives, see that he is with you*<sup>pl</sup> *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—<sup>11</sup> *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*.