

First Corinthians 16:12-24
Godward Planning part 2

Godward planning concerning Apollos—16:12

- 1) ¹² *Now concerning our brother Apollos (cf. Acts 18:24; 19:1; 1st Corinthians 1:12; 3:4-6, 22; 4:6; Titus 3:13), I strongly encouraged him to come to you^{pl} with the brothers, but it was not at all his will that he come now, but he will come when he has opportunity.*
- 2) Paul did not coerce Apollos to do what Paul wanted.

Summary commands of the rest of the letter—16:13-14

- 1) Courage in the face of imminent danger—16:13 ¹³ *Stay alert, stand firm in the faith, be courageous/mature? (lit. “be acting like men”), be strengthened.*
- 2) Love—16:14 ¹⁴ *Everything you^{pl} do should be done in love.* (cf. chapter 13)

Spiritual submission, joy, and refreshment—16:15-18

- 1) ¹⁵ *Now I am encouraging you^{pl} brothers (you know [oida] the household of Stephanas, that it is the first fruit of Achaia (of which Corinth was the capital city), and that they have devoted themselves (a self-imposed duty) to ministry to the saints), ¹⁶ that you^{pl} (emphatic) also be submissive ① to such as these, and ② to everyone who works together and labors.*
- 2) ¹⁷ *I rejoice over the coming of Stephanas (cf. 1:16) and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for what was lacking on your^{pl} part. ¹⁸ For they refreshed my spirit and yours^{pl}. (cf. Proverbs 25:25; Matthew 11:28; 2nd Corinthians 7:13; Philemon 1:7, 20; cf. also 2nd Timothy 1:16)*
- 3) *Therefore get to know well [epiginosko] (and thus respect) such as these.*
 - a) Cf. 1st Thessalonians 5:12-13

Greetings all around—16:19-20

- 1) To the congregation
 - a) ¹⁹ *The congregations of Asia (surrounding Ephesus where Paul is) greet you^{pl}.*
 - b) *Aquila and Priscilla greet you^{pl} heartily in the Lord, with the congregation that is in their house.* (cf. Acts 18:1-2, 18-19, 24-26; Romans 16:3-5)
 - c) ²⁰ *All the brothers greet you^{pl}.*
- 2) Within the congregation—16:20b *Greet one another with a holy kiss [philema].*
 - a) cf. Acts 20:37; Romans 16:16; 2nd Corinthians 13:12; 1st Thessalonians 5:26; 1st Peter 5:14

Paul’s handwritten conclusion—16:21-24

- 1) Authentication—16:21 ²¹ *The salutation is in my own hand. Paul.*
 - a) cf. Romans 16:22; Galatians 6:11; Colossians 4:18; 2nd Thessalonians 2:2
- 2) Concerning unbelievers—16:22 ²² *If (1st class condition, assumed true for the sake of argument) anyone does not love [phileo] the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. [anathema] O Lord, come! [marana tha]*
 - a) Cf. John 3:18, 36; Romans 9:3; 1st Corinthians 12:3; Galatians 1:8-9; Ephesians 2:1, 12-13
- 3) Concerning believers—16:23
 - a) ²³ *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you^{pl}.* (cf. Romans 16:20)
 - b) ²⁴ *My love [agape] be with you^{pl} all in Christ Jesus. Amen.*