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# 1 Corinthians





# **The Apostle Paul's Mission to the Corinthians**



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## Adult Bible Class Calendar Fall 2023



Date			Lesson Portion of 1 Corinthians
1	September	10	Review & Preview
2	September	17	1 Corinthians 11:2-16
3	September	24	1 Corinthians 11:17-34
4	October	1	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
5	October	8	1 Corinthians 12:12-20
6	October	15	1 Corinthians 12:21-31
7	October	22	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
8	October	29	1 Corinthians 14:1-12
9	November	5	1 Corinthians 14:13-25
10	November	12	1 Corinthians 14:26-40
11	November	19	1 Corinthians 16:1-12
12	November	26	1 Corinthians 16:13-24





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# Concerning the Collection

1 Corinthians 16:1-4

## Announcement of Plans

1 Corinthians 16:5-12

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# Concerning the Collection

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# 1 Corinthians 11-16

- I. Introduction (1:1-9).
- II. Response to Received Reliable Oral Reports from the Corinthians (1:10-6:20).
- III. Response to a Letter from the Corinthians (7:1-16:4)
  - A. Concerning Marriage and Related Questions (7:1-40).
  - B. Concerning Foods Sacrificed to Idols (8:1-11:1).
  - C. Concerning the Christian Assembly (11:2-34).
  - D. Concerning Spirituality & Spiritual Gifts (12:1-14:40).
  - E. Concerning the Resurrection of the Body (15:1-58).
  - F. Concerning the Collection (16:1-4).
- IV. Conclusion (16:5-24).
  - A. Announcement of Plans (16:5-12).







## 1 Corinthians 16:1-4

Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper so that there will be no collecting when I come. And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.





# Concerning the Collection (16:1-4)



- Consider how it must have been for the church in Corinth to receive an apostolic letter. Imagine listening to the letter with all its apostolic rebukes and corrections concerning these ten issues:
  1. Celebrity culture (1:10-4:21).
  2. Prideful inclusion of the sexually immoral man (5:1-13).
  3. Litigiousness (6:1-11).
  4. Sexual immorality with prostitutes (6:12-20).
  5. Marriage and singleness (7:1-40).
  6. Food and freedom of conscience (8:1-11:1).
  7. Male and female roles in the church assemblies (11:2-16).
  8. Defilement of the Lord's Table (11:17-34).
  9. True spirituality and spiritual gifts (12:1-14:40).
  10. Denial of the resurrection of believers.



## Concerning the Collection (16:1-4)



Now, the Apostle Paul's lengthy letter is coming to an end.

- The collection should be done in a structured and orderly manner.
- Give generously but without injury to self.
- Paul constrains no one.
- Hold the gifts until "I come."
- Paul wants accredited couriers from Corinth to travel to Judea with the collection.
- He will provide letters of reference for the couriers.
- Paul wants men of integrity to bear the gifts to Judea.
- Paul has not yet made finalized plans to return to Judea with the gift.





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# Conclusion: Announcement of Plans 1 Corinthians 16:5-12

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# 1 Corinthians 16:5-9

I will visit you after passing through Macedonia, for I intend to pass through Macedonia, and perhaps I will stay with you or even spend the winter so that you may help me on my journey, wherever I go. For I do not want to see you now just in passing. I hope to spend some time with you if the Lord permits. But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.





## Announces Travel Plans (16:5-9)



- Now Paul discloses his plans to travel. He hopes to visit Corinth after visiting churches in Macedonia.
- We learn in 2 Corinthians 1:15-16 that Paul's plans have necessarily changed. So, at that point, he plans to visit Corinth twice, before and after visiting churches in Macedonia.
- Paul desires to spend the winter in Corinth
- Paul submits to the Lord's providence—*if the Lord permits.*



## Plans to Remain in Ephesus (16:5-9)



- Paul explains why he will not be in Corinth immediately. He continues to minister in Ephesus and the surrounding region.
- He plans to remain there until Pentecost—Mid-May or early June.
- Ministry opportunities in Ephesus. See Acts 19.
  - Ephesus, his home base for the 3<sup>rd</sup> journey.
  - “All the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord” (Acts 19:10, 20, 26).
  - A riot in Ephesus provoked by Demetrius, a silversmith. The gospel was upsetting the economy.





## 1 Corinthians 16:10-12

When Timothy comes, see that you put him at ease among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord, as I am. So let no one despise him. Help him on his way in peace, that he may return to me, for I am expecting him with the brothers.

Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to visit you with the other brothers, but it was not at all his will to come now. He will come when he has an opportunity.



## About Timothy and Apollos (16:10-12)



Timothy was Paul's associate minister since his first journey into Galatia.

- Paul welcomed Timothy early as a ministry associate.
- In 1 Corinthians 4:17, Paul mentions that he sent Timothy to minister to them. So, as Paul was writing his letter, Timothy was traveling toward Corinth.
- Paul's letter will arrive in Corinth before Timothy and Erastus.
- Paul is concerned about how the Corinthians will receive Timothy.



## About Timothy and Apollos (16:10-12)



Apollos has a significant role in Paul's letter. Mentioned in 1 Corinthians 1:12—"I am of Apollos." And again in chapters 3 & 4.

- Apollos went to Corinth on Paul's strong urging.
- Apollos was not responsible for provoking divisions. The fault was the Corinthians.
- Paul tells the Corinthians that Apollos has no immediate plans to return to Corinth. *He will come when he has an opportunity.*



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