

Midweek Bible Study

Exposition of 1 Corinthians Collection, Plans, Final Instructions, Greetings 1 Cor. 16:1-24

Introduction

It seems that there were two more Corinthian questions that Paul answers here in closing: Now concerning (1) and now concerning (12).

Paul also deals with some “housekeeping issues.”

I. The Offering for the Saints in Jerusalem (1-4)

- A. Instructions on the collection (1-2a)

- B. Safeguarding the collection (2b-4)

II. Plans and Future Ministry for Paul (5-9)

- A. Macedonia and Wintering in Corinth (5-7)

- B. Remaining in Ephesus (8-9)

III. General Instructions Regarding People and the Christian Life (10-18)

- A. Regarding Timothy (10-11)

- B. Regarding Apollos (12)

- C. Ethical Instruction (13-14)
 - 1. Be on the alert – This becomes one of the common Christian exhortations
Matt. 24:42, 43; 25:13; 26:38, 40, 41 (1 Pet. 5:8; Rev. 3:2,3; 16:5)
 - 2. Stand firm in the faith (15:58)
Gal. 5:1; Phil. 1:27; 4:1; 1 Thess. 3:8; 2 Thess. 2:15
*Firmly committed in conviction and belief
 - 3. Act like men
“Conduct yourself in a courageous way.”
 - 4. Be strong (passive) – be strengthened, be empowered
Encouragement to remain firm (cf. 15:58)

*Act like men/be strong – LXX 2 Sam. 10:12; Psa. 27:14; 31:24



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5. Do everything in love
Do all the exhortations in love (1 Cor. 13)
The pervasive Christian ethic and motive.

D. Subjection to leaders (15-16)

E. Recognition: Practiced and Implored (17-18)

IV. Greetings (19-21)

- A. The churches of Asia greet you
- B. Aquila and Prisca greet you
- C. All the brethren greet you
- D. Greet each other with a holy kiss
- E. Paul's personal greeting

V. Imprecation and Benediction (22-24)

- A. Imprecation (22a)
- B. Maranatha (22b)
- C. Benediction (23-24)

