

Do Everything in Love

1 Corinthians 16:1-24

Key Verse: 16:13-14

“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love.”

* PREPARE YOUR GIFT FOR GOD'S PEOPLE (1-4)

1. Regarding the collection for God's people, what did Paul tell both the Galatians and the Corinthians to do? (1-2) What was the purpose of this offering? (Ro15:25-27) Why is it important for us also to regularly set aside a sum of money?

2. How did Paul plan to send their offering to Jerusalem? (3) What was required to be a carrier of it? (1Co4:2; 2Co8:18-21) What is the meaning of the word "gift"? (Here, the word "gift" is literally "grace"; see also 2Co8:1). What can we learn here about the right attitude in offering? How did Paul encourage their initiative in relationship building with the Jerusalem believers? (3-4)

* REQUESTS REGARDING COWORKERS (5-24)

3. What was Paul's travel plan? (5-6) In what ways did Paul want them to participate in his mission trip? (6b) What was his hope? (7) Why did he want to spend time with them? (4:19; Ro1:11-12)

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4. What were Paul's plans in Ephesus? (8) Why was he compelled to stay there? (9) What can we learn from Paul's commitment to the Holy Spirit's work, despite opposition?

5. What instructions did Paul give regarding Timothy? (10-11) Why was Paul sending him? (4:16-17) What can we learn here about one's attitude toward God's servants? Why did Paul mention about urging Apollos to go there, and about his unwillingness? (12; 1:12; 3:6)

6. How did Paul exhort them? (13-14) Why did they need to hear this? Can you find any progression here? What can we learn in verse 14 about our motive in doing everything?

7. Who set a good example among them, and how? (15-18) Why did they need such an example? Who greeted them, and how should they greet each other? (18-21) What were Paul's final greetings? (22-24)