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I Corinthians 16

The Collection for the Saints in Jerusalem
(16:1-4)

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The Collection for the Saints I Corinthians 16:1-4

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“Now concerning . . .”

7:1	The things about which you wrote
7:10	The married
7:25	Virgins
8:1	Things offered to idols
12:1	Spiritual gifts
16:1	The Collection for the saints
16:12	Our brother Apollos

“The collection for the saints in Jerusalem”

Some helpful Scriptures: Acts 11:25-30

Galatians 2:9-10

Romans 15:25-29

II Corinthians 8 and 9

This gift was:

- (1) An acknowledgment by the Gentile churches
of the spiritual debt they owed the
mother-church in Jerusalem

- (2) A practical token to the Jerusalem church
of the genuineness of the Gentile
Christians' faith

- (3) A means of binding Jewish and Gentile
Christians more closely together

(F.F. Bruce , I and 2 Corinthians)

I Corinthians 16:1-4
The Collection for the Saints in Jerusalem

“Principles of Christian Beneficence and Church Finance”

- (1) Offerings should be made by every member of the congregation (:2) “let each one of you”
- (2) These offerings should be systematic (:2) “on the first day of the week”
- (3) Offerings should be given in proportion to prosperity (:2) “as he may prosper”
- (4) Dependence is not to be placed upon occasional emotional appeals (:2) “that no collections be made when I come”
- (5) Appeals should be made to the highest motives (15:58) “always abounding in the work of the Lord”
- (6) Benevolent funds must be carefully administered (:3) “whomever you approve . . . ”
- (7) Benevolent offerings should be so generous as to be worthy of Christ and His servants.

(Charles R. Erdman, First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians)

I Corinthians 16:5-12

Personal Plans

(OR, Visits of Paul, Timothy and Apollos)

(OR, Doing the Lord's Work in the Lord's Way)

“Doing the Lord's Work in the Lord's Way”

- v. 5 Vision

- v. 6 Flexibility

- vv. 7-8 Thoroughness in Present Service

- v. 9 Acceptance of Opposition as a Challenge

- vv. 10-11 Team Spirit

- v. 12 Sensitivity to the Spirit's Leading of Others

(John MacArthur, I Corinthians)

I Corinthians 16:13-18
Final Exhortations

“Watch” (:13)

“Stand fast in the faith” (:13)

“Be brave” (:13)

“Be strong” (:13)

“Let all that you do be done with love” (:14)

“Give proper honor to those deserving such” (:15-18)

I Corinthians 16:19-24
Final Greetings and a Solemn Farewell

--Greetings to and fro (:19-21)

--. . .“let him be anathema.” (:22)

If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ. . .

Cf. Romans 8:28

--Maranatha (:22)

Marana tha

“O Lord, come!”

Maran atha

“Our Lord has come!”

--Two benedictions (:23-24)

Characteristic--

Uncharacteristic--