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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)
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--