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**The Local Church in Corinth – its Problems**

**Part 8c –The Collection for the Saints**

**Recapitulation of P**roblems **P**osed to **P**aul: (alternative outline)

1. Fraction**al** **D**ivisions calling for **D**enunciation. Chs. 1-4
2. Mor**al** **D**ecline calling for **D**iscipline. Chs. 5, 6
3. Soci**al** **D**ifficulties calling for **D**iscretion. Chs. 7-10
4. Ecclesiastic**al** **D**isorders calling for **D**ecency and order. Chs. 11-14
5. Loc**al** **D**oubts calling for **D**octrine. Chs. 15, 16.

**6**. Practical **D**istribution of gifts for Saints in **D**istress calling

For **D**etermined action. Ch. 16:1-4

*Now Concerning the Collection for the Saints…* 16:1-4

The ***Concerns*** put forward to Paul by the **C**hurch in **C**orinth:

*Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.* 7:1

*Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord:* 7:25

*As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols,* 8:4

*Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.* 12:1

*Now concerning the collection for the saints…* 16:1

1. Person**al** **D**uties calling for **D**eparting last words. 16:5-24
2. **The Collection for the Saints. I Cor. 16:1-4**
3. The **P**artnership in Giving 16:1
4. Fellowship with the poor saints in Jerusalem. 16:1a
5. Their **P**overty because of **P**revious famine. Cf. Acts 11:27-30
6. Their **P**resent **P**ersecution. Cf. Acts 8:1-4
7. Fellowship with other churches 16:b cf. Acts 18:23
8. *…as I have given order* [arranged?] *to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.*
9. *the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia*; II Cor. 8:1
10. The **P**rocedure or the **P**rinciples in Giving: 16:2, 3
11. The **P**eriod to give – *upon first day of the week* Ct. Sabbath
12. The **P**eople giving – *let every one of you*
13. The **P**urpose in giving – *lay by him in store… that there be no gatherings when I come*

– *lay by him in store* (Gk. *thesaurizoon* lit. = put into the treasury)

Cf. *Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give…* II Cor. 9:7a

1. The **P**ropriety in Giving – No **P**ersonal or external **P**ressure –II Cor. 8:8, NKJV

*I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others.*

1. “**G**ood-willingly” – *Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will,*

*For if there be first a willing mind…* II Cor. 8:11b, 12a

1. Not **G**rudgingly – *Not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.* II Cor. 9:7b

Literally cheerfully, joyfully, hilariously!

1. But **G**enerously – *your liberality [= grace]* 16:3b

*How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.* II Cor. 8:2

1. **G**raciously and Lovingly – II Cor. 8:7-9

*As ye abound in every thing…and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also…*

*For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich,*

*yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.*

1. The **P**roportion in giving – *as God hath prospered him,* ct. tithing. I Cor. 16:2

Cf. *The disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief*

*unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea:* Acts 11:29

Cf. *it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.* II Cor. 8:12b

*For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: But by an equality,*

*that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their*

*abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality:*

*As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over;*

*and he that had gathered little had no lack.* II Cor. 8:13-15

1. The **P**riority in Giving. II Cor. 8:3-5

*For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.*

1. The **P**articipants in the Giving 16:3, 4 cf. Acts 20:4

*Whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem.*

*And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me.*

1. No **P**rivate dealings when giving.
2. The **P**resence of Witnesses.
3. No **P**ersonal Solicitation. Cf. 9:12, 15
4. **The Coming of Paul and his Colleagues I Cor. 16:5-12**
5. Paul’s **F**uture **P**rogramme: 16:5-9
6. His **I**ntention to **S**ojourn to Corinth through Macedonia. 16:5

*Now I will come unto you, when I shall pass through Macedonia: for I do pass through Macedonia.*

1. His **I**ntending **S**tay in Corinth (DV) 16:6, 7

*And it may be that I will abide, yea, and winter with you, that ye may bring me on my journey whithersoever I go.  For I will not see you now by the way; but I trust to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit.*

1. His **I**nterim **S**top at Ephesus – *But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost*

*For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.*

1. Because of **O**pportunities. Cf. Acts 19:1-20
2. Because of **O**pposition. Cf. Acts 19:23-41
3. Paul’s **F**riends **P**lanning to visit: 16:10-12
4. Paul’s **A**ssociate, Timothy. Cf. 4:17

*For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus... who shall bring you into remembrance*

*of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church*

1. Paul’s **A**dvice regarding Timothy 16:10, 11
2. **T**reat **T**imothy appropriately: *Let no man therefore despise him:* Cf. I Tim. 4:12

*but conduct him forth in peace, that he may come unto me:*

*for I look for him with the brethren.* Cf. II Cor. 8:18, 23

1. **T**imothy’s **T**estimony - *for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also do.*
2. **T**imothy’s **T**imidity **–** *see that he may be with you without fear* Cf. II Tim. 1:6-8
3. Apollos, their brother in Christ**.** 16:12
4. A **B**rother – *As touching our brother Apollos*
5. His **B**ackground:

* His **S**hortcomings Cf. Acts 18:24-28
* His **S**idekicks Cf. 1:12

*that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.*

*I greatly desired him to come unto you with the brethren* 16:12

1. His **B**acking and his **B**acking out from Corinth; but he would be **B**ack later.

*I greatly desired him to come unto you with the brethren: but his will was not at all to come at this time; but he will come when he shall have convenient time.*

1. **The Commitment for the Church.** (All commands in the present imperative.) **I Cor. 16:13, 14**

**1**. *Watch* *ye* - No **D**ecline, be **C**autious – be on **G**uard against evil doctrine.

The command, *Be on your guard* (*grēgoreite*) might be rendered "be diligent" in carrying out the will of God (cf. [15:58](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Co+15%3A58), "*give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord*").

**2**. *Stand fast in the faith -* No **D**oubts, be **C**onsistent – stand your **G**round. Cf. II Cor. 11:3; Cf. 15:58

**3**. *Quit you like men* - stop being immature – No **D**ivisions, take **C**are of your **C**haracter, **G**row Up.

cf. 3:1, 2; 14:20

**4**. *Be strong*. Lit. *Be made strong* – No **D**ifficulties, **C**onsecrate, Let **G**od **G**overn.

**5**. *Let all your things be done with love* – No **D**isorders, show **C**harity, do **G**ood. 16:14

Cf. *Let all things be done decently and in order.* 14:40

1. **The Commendation of Companions. I Cor. 16:15-18**
2. The **F**amily of **F**aith. 16:15
3. The **F**amily of Stephanas was the **F**irstfruits of Achaia. Cf. 1:16
4. They were **F**riendly to the **F**aithful – *addicted.to the ministry of the saints.*
5. The **F**ellowship with all the **F**aithful. 16:16

*That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with us, and laboureth*

**R**ecognise and **R**espect the Labouring Servants of the Lord – *submit yourselves*

1. **F**ortunatus and **F**riends – I Cor. 16:17, 18
2. They **S**upplied the **S**aints’ lack - *for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied.*
3. They **R**efreshed Paul and themselves in the church; **R**eciprocate their friendship.

*For they have refreshed my spirit and yours: therefore acknowledge ye them that are such*

1. **L**earn from them and **L**aud them in their **L**abours – *acknowledge*.
2. **F**aithful to the **F**inish – Aquilla and Priscilla. I Cor. 16:19

*Aquila and Prisca salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house*.

1. They showed **H**ome **H**ospitality to Paul in Corinth at the beginning. Acts 18:1, 2
2. Then they **M**inistered with Paul and were **M**entors to Apollos in Ephesus. Acts 18:18, 26

*And he* [Apollos] *began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.*

1. The **C**hurch gathered in their **H**ome in Rome as they **C**ontinuedto **H**elp Paul. Rom. 16:3
2. **The Conclusion of the First Corinthian Epistle! I Cor. 16:20-24**
3. Paul’s **S**ignature – *The salutation of me Paul with mine own hand.* 16:21

[All of Paul's letters save Galatians appear to have been written by an amanuensis (Gal. 6:11)]

1. Paul’s **S**incere Last words:
2. *Anathema* - if you **L**ove not the **L**ord Jesus Christ, you are **C**ursed. 16:22b

[For use of the word "anathema," see [Acts 12:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+12%3A2); [23:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+23%3A14); [Rom. 9:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+9%3A3); [Gal. 1:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Gal+1%3A8), [9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Gal+1%3A9).]

Literally, "*Let him be* ***D****evoted to* ***D****estruction. O Lord, come“* cf. Gal. 1:6-9

1. *Maranatha* - **L**ook, the **L**ord **C**ometh. 16:22c
2. *Agape* - Paul’s **L**ove in the **L**ord for all in **C**hrist Jesus. 16:24
3. Paul **S**igned off with…
4. A **B**enediction: *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.* 16:23

The *grace* [the reverse of the *anathema*]

1. A **B**lessing/**B**enevolence: *My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.* 16:24