

Paul's First Letter to the Church at Corinth

1 Corinthians

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Conclusion (Chapter 16)

- 16:1-4...Offering collection for the church in Jerusalem
 - The Jerusalem church had struggled financially due to a severe famine in Judea (Acts 11:28-30). Note this famine was predicted (prophesied) by Agabus, and the Jerusalem church began immediately to prepare for the financial hardship.
 - Paul made similar requests to other churches, including Rome (Romans 15:26) and Galatia.
 - “The first day of the week” refers to Sunday
 - The Sabbath is Saturday, and remains the Jewish day
 - Sunday is the day of Christ’s resurrection
 - According to many early Christian writings, many “God-fearing” Christian Jews would go to the Temple on the Sabbath, and then attend church on Sunday
- 16:5-18...personal comments
 - Vs.5-7...travel plans overlap with Acts 20:1-3
 - Vs. 9...Paul is staying at Ephesus because a “great (Greek is *meg'-as*) door” and “effectual” (Greek is *en-er-gace*) is open
 - How can you tell when a ‘mega’ door with ‘energy’ has opened?
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 - » Adversaries (1 Cor. 16:9) and secular uproar (19:23-34)
 - » The fight continues regardless of the leader (20:13-38)
 - V.10-11...comments about Timothy. He was a young man, but the church was advised to accept and support him
 - V.12...comments about Apollos. Apparently Apollos was frustrated with the Corinthians (1 Cor. 1:10-13) and was only willing to return at a “convenient” time

- V.15-18...Stephanas (see also 1 Cor. 1:16). The first converts of the Corinthian church had become leaders, perhaps Elders. They were to be honored because of their leadership and support of the ministry.
- V.21...Paul wrote the salutation
 - See 2 Thess. 3:17
 - Hints that false letters with Paul's name may have been written (2 Thess. 2:1,2)
 - Hints that Paul may have had difficulty writing long letters. Was his "thorn on the flesh" (2 Cor12:7) poor eyesight or a hand disability?