

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

May 11, 2022

Series - *The Life and Writings of the Apostle Paul*

The Corinthian Letters

*The Long Letter* (First Corinthians)

Chapter Sixteen

Text – 1 Corinthians 16

Memory Verse

*"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."* (1 Corinthians 16:13)

**I. The Collection for Jerusalem (vs. 1 – 3)**

*"But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem."* (Romans 15:25-26)

- A. This was not a tithe. The people of the Church at Corinth were to support their local church with their tithes.
- B. This was a voluntary offering. See 2 Corinthians 8:1 – 8
- C. It was to be collected on the first day of the week and handled by more than one person.

**II. The Confusion Regarding His Travel Plans (vs. 4 – 12)**

Paul could not yet travel to Corinth because he was not finished with his work at Ephesus, but he says he will send Timothy. Paul warns the Corinthians to treat Timothy well in vs. 10 - 11, because he was an extension of the authority of Paul. Timothy is apparently not well received, and Paul will send another letter – The Lamented Letter – through Titus.

**III. Concluding Comments (vs. 13 – 14)**

In v. 13, Paul admonishes the Corinthians to be sober ("watch"), to stand, and to be strong ("quit you like men").

In v. 14, he reminds them to do all things in love ("charity").

**IV. Comments Regarding Co-Laborers (vs. 15 – 21)**

**IV. A Final Caution (vs. 22 – 24)**

ἀνάθεμα – *anathema* – means accursed; *μαράναθά* - *maranatha* – at His coming

See Romans 9:3; 1 Corinthians 12:3; Galatians 1:8 - 9