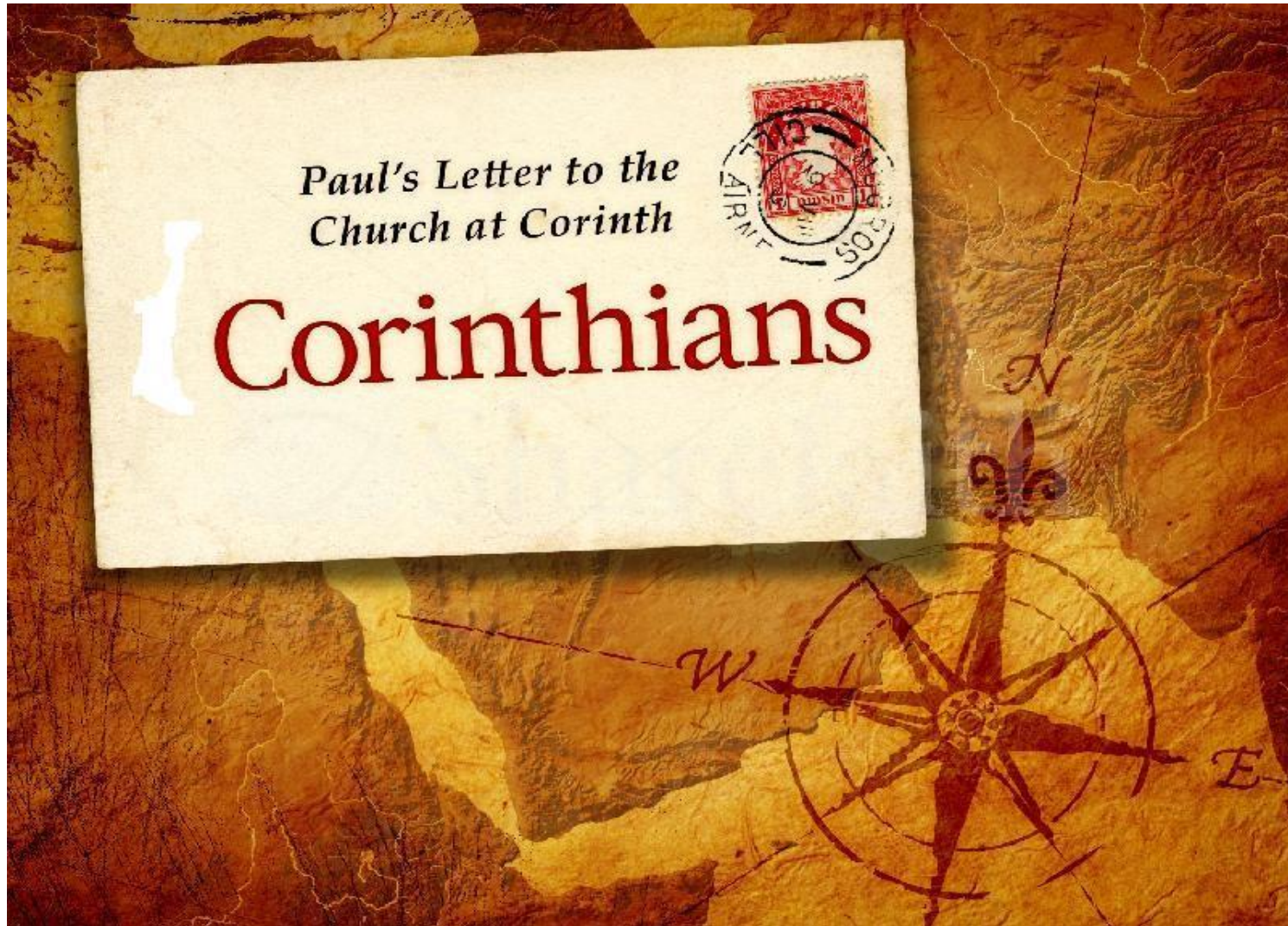


# 1 Cor.16:5-12 Paul's Plans and Fellow Workers



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<sup>1</sup> Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also.



Now concerning the collection for the saints

collection - *logía* - to gather, collect; a collection, usually of money

- This section will now give Paul's direction to the church at Corinth for the collection of money.

for the saints - for [the relief of] the saints (God's people)

Amplified

- The money is to be used for the saints, which points to a church cause, not a social cause. McCalley

as I directed the churches of Galatia

directed - *diatassō* - to appoint, arrange, charge, give orders to

<sup>2</sup> On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.



On the first day of every week

- The words first day of the week could be rendered “Sunday-by-Sunday.”

McCalley

each of you set [something] aside by/with himself [at home]

Interlinear

**subject:** each of you – of the church at Corinth

- All are to give, though all cannot give the same amounts.

McCalley

**verb:** set aside – *títhēmi* - to set in the proper place, assign a place

**modifier:** with himself - *para* – after verbs implying rest – with himself, meaning at home

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storing up whatever he may have prospered in Interlinear

storing up - *thēsaurizō* - to lay up, store up

he may have prospered in - *euodoō* – to prosper, be prospered (present, passive)

so that – with a purpose that

no collections be made when I [may] come

- They were not to wait until the last moment (Paul's arrival) to decide how much to give. McCalley
- Paul did not want pressure put on believers when he arrived. McCalley





<sup>3</sup> When I arrive, whomever you may approve, I will send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem

when I arrive whomever you may approve

approve - *dokimazō* – a test with a view to approval

- The church at Corinth should only approve ones who would pass the test of honesty.

I will send them with letters

- Paul planned to send a representative from each of the contributing churches, to Jerusalem with the gift. Constable
- Perhaps the letters detailed how much money was being sent and who was bringing it. McCalley
- Such a procedure would guarantee that the money would arrive safely and that people would perceive the whole project as honest. Constable

3 When I arrive, whomever you may approve, I will send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem



to carry your gift to Jerusalem

lit: to carry the gift of you

gift - *charis* – grace; a proof thereof in practical effects,  
deeds of "grace," Vine

to carry the “grace of you” to Jerusalem [expanded]

• a financial gift is a grace gift - out from God's grace

Molloy

2 Cor 8:7 But just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also.

[you] in this grace also be superabounding

Wuest

4 and if it is fitting for me to go also, they will go with me.

- The apostle was open to the possibility of going to Jerusalem as part of the group if this seemed best.
- After he wrote this letter he decided to go:
- Acts 24:17 "Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and to present offerings.



Constable

### Principles of giving under grace:\*

1<sup>st</sup> – True giving to the Lord is a grace.

2<sup>nd</sup> – True giving is always with forethought.

3<sup>rd</sup> – True giving is a stewardship that begins with yourself.

4<sup>th</sup> – True giving is the privilege of everyone in the body of Christ (i.e. rich or poor).

5<sup>th</sup> – True giving is a love [*agape*] giving.

\* Merryman



# The giving of finances is only a portion of the totality of giving:\*



## 1. Giving ourselves to the Lord.

- Making ourselves and everything that he has graciously given us available to Him.
- Seeking wisdom & guidance from Him on how we should allocate all that is His.

## 2. Giving ourselves to the ministry of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Exercising our spiritual gifts in the local church for the edification (building up in the faith) of the body.
- Participating in God's ministries in the defense & confirmation (establishment) of the gospel of Christ.

## 3. Giving financially.

\* Molloy

## Today's Verses

<sup>5</sup> But **I will come** to you after I go through Macedonia, for I am going through Macedonia;

<sup>6</sup> and perhaps I will stay with you, or even spend the winter, so that you may send me on my way wherever I may go.

<sup>7</sup> For I do not wish to see you now *just* in passing; for I hope to remain with you for some time, if the Lord permits.

<sup>8</sup> But I will remain in Ephesus until Pentecost;

<sup>9</sup> for a wide door for effective *service* has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

<sup>10</sup> Now **if Timothy comes**, see that he is with you without cause to be afraid, for he is doing the Lord's work, as I also am.

<sup>11</sup> So let no one despise him. But send him on his way in peace, so that he may come to me; for I expect him with the brethren.

<sup>12</sup> But **concerning Apollos our brother**, I encouraged him greatly to come to you with the brethren; and it was not at all *his* desire to come now, but he will come when he has opportunity.

<sup>5</sup> But I will come to you after I go through Macedonia, for I am going through Macedonia; <sup>6</sup> and perhaps I will stay with you, or even spend the winter, so that you may send me on my way wherever I may go.

**I will come** - *erchomai* - denoting either to come, or to go, signifies the act – (future, indicative, active)

**to you** [Corinthians]

**after I go through Macedonia**

whenever I pass through Macedonia - Wuest

- Paul will come when his travel takes him through Macedonia.
- Macedonia was the Roman province north of Corinth where Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea stood.



Black Sea

MACEDONIA

BITHY

Amphipolis  
Philippi  
Neapolis  
Berea  
Thessalonica  
Apolonia

Aegean  
Sea

Troas  
Assos  
Mitylene  
Pergamum

ASIA

Thyatira  
Sardis  
Smyrna  
Philadelphia

PHRYGIA

ACHAIA

Corinth  
Athens

Ephesus

PISIDIA

Miletus  
Colossae

PAMD

LYCIA

Attalia  
Patara  
Myra  
Rhodes



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**I am going through** - *dierchomai* - denotes “to pass through or over,” (present tense)

- Paul reaffirms his plans to go through Corinth.
- Next he gives them some idea of how long he will stay.

**and perhaps I will stay with you**

and it may be that with you I will remain – Wuest

**perhaps** – *tynchanō* - if things turn out that way or if things turn out the way we have planned

- Paul left room for unknowns in a very relaxed manner.
- He never agonized over the will of God in such areas as where he should go. see Rom 1:10

<sup>5</sup> But I will come to you after I go through Macedonia, for I am going through Macedonia; <sup>6</sup> and perhaps I will stay with you, or even spend the winter, so that you may send me on my way wherever I may go.

or even spend the winter

- Paul did spend the winter in Corinth.
- But it was the winter after the one when he expected to be there (i.e. winter of A. D. 57-58). Constable

so that, you may send me on my way wherever I may go

you – Corinthians

may send me on my way - *propempō* - to send forward  
(*pro*, "forward," *pempō*, "to send")

- you may furnish me with the requirements of travel wherever I may be going Wuest



7 For I do not wish to see you now *just* in passing; for I hope to remain with you for some time, if the Lord permits.

For I do not wish to see you now *just* in passing

passing - *párodos* - a passing by or through.

- Paul's desire is to spend time with the Corinthians.

for I hope to remain with you for some time, if the Lord permits.

remain - *epimenō* - to abide, a strengthened form of *meno*,  
is translated "to tarry"

- He sensed the need to spend a good long visit in Corinth.
- And in view of the problems in the church that he mentioned in this letter we can understand why. Constable

<sup>8</sup> But I will remain in Ephesus until Pentecost; <sup>9</sup> for a wide door for effective *service* has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

## But I will remain in Ephesus until Pentecost

lit: I remain [abide] at Ephesus until Pentecost Wuest

- The departure at Pentecost would be based on weather conditions that normally would be acceptable for sailing at that time of year. McCalley
- It is not unusual that since he was a Jewish believer with the evangelization of the Jews on his heart... Constable
- Therefore Paul was writing this letter in the springtime.

<sup>8</sup> But I will remain in Ephesus until Pentecost; <sup>9</sup> for a wide door for effective service has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

for a wide door for [and] effective service has opened to me, and there are many adversaries

for a door is opened to me, great and effectual Wuest

- Paul occasionally used the door as a metaphor for opportunity (i.e. Acts 14:27). Constable
- **is opened** - *anoigō* - to open the door for the gospel (perfect tense)
- This opportunity is described by two adjectives.
- **great** - *megas* – great in its extent

<sup>8</sup> But I will remain in Ephesus until Pentecost; <sup>9</sup> for a wide door for effective *service* has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

- **effectual** - *energēs* - powerful in action or effect
- This was Paul's priority and why he desired to remain in Ephesus.
- The idea is that after he had entered the door there were effectual results. Merryman

**and there are many adversaries**

**adversaries** - *antikeimai* - to lie opposite to; antagonist or laying in weight against

- He did not regard adversaries there as an indication of a closed door or as a sign that God wanted him to move on.

Constable

<sup>10</sup> Now if Timothy comes, see that he is with you without cause to be afraid, for he is doing the Lord's work, as I also am. <sup>11</sup> So let no one despise him. But send him on his way in peace, so that he may come to me; for I expect him with the brethren.

now if Timothy comes [to Corinth]

see that he is with you without cause to be afraid [or fear]

- see to it that [you put him at ease, so that] he may be fearless among you Amplified

for he is doing the Lord's work, as I also am

so let no one despise him

- The idea of despise is to not recognize or to ignore him.
- Evidently Timothy's relative youth tended to make some people despise him, and he tended to be fearful. Constable

But send him off [cordially, speed him on his way] in peace that he may come to me, for I am expecting him [to come along] with the other brethren. Amplified

<sup>12</sup> But concerning Apollos our brother, I encouraged him greatly to come to you with the brethren; and it was not at all *his* desire to come now, but he will come when he has opportunity.

**But concerning** - *peri de* - now concerning

- It is the sixth instance of that key phrase "*peri de*"
- This epistle [starting with Chp. 7] deals with questions the Corinthians had put to Paul in a letter.
- Paul introduced each of these with the phrase *peri de* - now concerning: Constable

7:1 Now concerning: it is good for a man not to touch a woman

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

8:1 Now concerning: things sacrificed to idols

12:1 Now concerning: spiritual gifts

16:1 Now concerning: the collection for the saints

16:12 But concerning: Apollos our brother



<sup>12</sup> But concerning Apollos our brother, I encouraged him greatly to come to you with the brethren; and it was not at all *his* desire to come now, but he will come when he has opportunity.

## Apollos our brother

I encouraged him greatly to come to you [Corinthians] with the brethren.

- He [Paul] was not jealous of another teacher of God's word; he instead encouraged him. McCalley

and it was not at all *his* [Apollos] desire to come now, but he will come when he has opportunity

- He [Paul] respected Apollos' inclinations about visiting Corinth without any disparaging or critical comment.

McCalley

# Final Thoughts \*



This is a wonderful verse [1 Cor. 16:9] that I have put with Revelation 3:8, (which is Christ's message to the church in Philadelphia);

- Rev 3:8b Behold, I have put before you an open door ...
- And Paul says, "A great door and effectual is opened unto me."
- These two verses I have found to be true in the ministry God has given to me.

# Final Thoughts \*



- Also it is true today that there are many adversaries.
- Any man who will stand for the Word of God has many enemies.
- That was the experience of Paul, and it has been my experience also.
- However, the Lord opens the door and no man can shut it. Thank God for that!

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