

Text: 1 Corinthians 16

Free Love Offerings and Financial Gifts VS. The Minimum Tithe (vv 1-4)

^{1 Cor. 16:1}Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do.

² On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.

- ³ And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem.
- ⁴ If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.

2. Real Ministry with Each Other VS. Church Acquaintance (vv 5-9)

⁵ I will visit you after passing through Macedonia, for I intend to pass through Macedonia,

⁶ and perhaps I will stay with you or even spend the winter, so that you may help me on my journey, wherever I go.

⁷ For I do not want to see you now just in passing. I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits.

- ⁸ But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost,
- ⁹ for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

3. Help and Encourage Young Preachers (and Young Christians) VS. Overlooking or Dismissing Them (vv 10-11)

¹⁰ When Timothy comes, see that you put him at ease among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord, as I am.

¹¹So let no one despise him. Help him on his way in peace, that he may return to me, for I am expecting him with the brothers.

