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THE 4 'R'S' OF PAUL'S FAREWELL

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## Text: 1 Corinthians 16

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1. Respect for God's

Specific Will for Each of Us
(v 12)

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1 Cor. 16:12 Now concerning our brother
Apollos, I strongly urged him to visit you with the other brothers, but it was not at all his will to come now. He will come when he has opportunity.

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2. Requirements for Christians in Church
(v 13-14)

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${ }^{13}$ Be watchful, stand
firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

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14 Let all that you do
be done in love.

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3. Relent (Submit) to True

Christian Leaders - and Each Other (vv 15-18)

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${ }^{15}$ Now I urge you, brothers-you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints-

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${ }^{16}$ be subject to such as
these, and to every fellow
worker and laborer.

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${ }^{17}$ I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence,

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18 for they refreshed my
spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such people.

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4. Real Love for Each Other - and Fellow Believers (vv 19-24)

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${ }^{19}$ The churches of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord.

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${ }^{20}$ All the brothers send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

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${ }^{21}$ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. ${ }^{22}$ If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come!

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${ }^{23}$ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.
${ }^{24}$ My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.



