

27 – FINAL INSTRUCTIONS (1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-24)

I. Instructions Concerning the Offering (1 Corinthians 16:1-4)

A. Similar Instructions (1 Corinthians 16:1)

- Paul is giving them the same instructions that he gave to the Galatian churches.

B. The Timing of the Offering (1 Corinthians 16:2)

- Paul instructs them to gather the offering on the first day of the week.
- They were not to collect the offering when he comes.

C. The Courier (1 Corinthians 16:3)

- They were to select someone they trust to carry the gift to Jerusalem.

D. Possible Travel Mate (1 Corinthians 16:4)

- It is possible that Paul would accompany their representative.

II. Concerning Future Visits (1 Corinthians 16:5-12)

A. The Time of His Visit (1 Corinthians 16:5)

- Paul plans to visit them when he travels through Macedonia.

B. The Length of His Stay (1 Corinthians 16:6)

- Paul may stay with them over the winter.

C. Current Plans (1 Corinthians 16:7-8)

- Because Paul is staying in Ephesus, he cannot visit them now.

D. His Reasons (1 Corinthians 16:9)

- Paul tells them that the opportunities and opposition are great at the present time.

E. Concerning Timothy (1 Corinthians 16:10-11)

- Paul tells them to accept and treat Timothy well.

F. Concerning Apollos (1 Corinthians 16:12)

- Paul tells them that Apollos cannot visit them at this time.

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III. Conclusion (1 Corinthians 16:13-24)

A. The Encouragement (1 Corinthians 16:13-16)

1. Be on Guard (1 Corinthians 16:13)

- Paul tells them to be watchful and stand strong in their faith.

2. The Attitude (1 Corinthians 16:14)

- Paul tells them that they are to do everything with love.

3. Submission to Leaders (1 Corinthians 16:15-16)

- Paul tells them to submit to faithful leaders.

B. The Final Greetings (1 Corinthians 16:17-24)

1. Thankfulness for Visitors (1 Corinthians 16:17-18)

- Paul was thankful for the refreshing he received from certain visitors.

2. The Greeting from Others (1 Corinthians 16:19-20)

- Paul relays greetings from those who are with him.

3. Paul's Greeting (1 Corinthians 16:21)

- Paul greets them with his own handwriting.

4. The Curse (1 Corinthians 16:22)

- Paul pronounces a curse on all who do not love Jesus Christ.

5. The Salutation (1 Corinthians 16:23-24)

- Paul extends a traditional blessing as he closes his letter.