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<p>1 Corinthians 16:1-11</p> <p>The Collection for the Saints</p> <p>1 Now concerning[a] 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.</p> <p>Plans for Travel</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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. 11 So 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.</p>			
<p>Footnotes:</p> <p>a: 1 Corinthians 16:1 The expression <i>Now concerning</i> introduces a reply to a question in the Corinthians' letter; see 7:1; also verse 12</p>			

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Lesson 14

1 Corinthians 16:1-24

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Summary:			
<p>1 Corinthians 16:12-24</p> <p>Final Instructions</p> <p>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[b] to come now. He will come when he has opportunity.</p> <p>13 Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. 14 Let all that you do be done in love.</p> <p>15 Now I urge you, brothers[c]—you know that the household[d] of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints— 16 be subject to such as these, and to every fellow worker and laborer. 17 I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence, 18 for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such people.</p> <p>Greetings</p> <p>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. 20 All the brothers send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.</p> <p>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![e]</p>			

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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.			
Footnotes: b: 1 Corinthians 16:12 Or <i>God's will for him</i> c: 1 Corinthians 16:15 Or <i>brothers and sisters</i> ; also verse 20 d: 1 Corinthians 16:15 Greek <i>house</i> e: 1 Corinthians 16:22 Greek <i>Maranatha</i> (a transliteration of Aramaic)			
Summary:			

In closing his letter, Paul gets very specific about what he wants of the Christians in Corinth: collect money every week for the impoverished Christians in Jerusalem, extend hospitality to Timothy, and honor the family of Stephanas for their service. He is not just talking about right beliefs but about right actions. What do the following scriptures encourage us to do?

Matthew 25:34-40

34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. **35** For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, **36** I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ **37** Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? **38** And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? **39** And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ **40** And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, [f] you did it to me.’”

f: Or brothers and sisters

Romans 12:13

13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Galatians 6:10

10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Space for Grace

Consider one of the following prompts to further reflect upon this lesson, or follow where the Spirit leads.

- Write a letter of encouragement to a fellow believer.
- Imagine that Paul was writing a letter to you as he did to the Corinthians. Write the specific actions he might ask of you and your church in his closing.

Prayer Requests
