

Learning and Living the Bible Together

Lessons from 1 Corinthians

1 Cor. 16

1. We are to give for Kingdom work. (vv. 1-4)

Also see Acts 11:28; Rom. 15:26; Luke 10:25-37; 2 Cor. 8:1-5, 9:12-15; Gal. 6:10.

- Giving should be given to meet the needs of others
- Giving should be regular, normal, and a priority.
- Giving should be proportionate to our blessings received.
- Giving should be managed with integrity and accountability within the church.

2. We are to be engaged in ministry to others. (vv. 5-12)

- Develop plans for the use of your time and resources for His work.
- Yield your plans to God and submit to His leading.
- Expect blessings and opposition.
- We work with other brothers and sisters in Christ to advance His Kingdom.

3. We must stay focused on the task we have been given. (vv. 13-14)

- Be on guard. It is so easy to fall away, to pursue other things, or to let selfishness get in the way of our walk with Him.
- Stand firm. "Hold your ground". Stay true to Biblical truth. Do not waver in your faith.
- Act like men. Applies to all of us. Be courageous and mature in Him. "Grow up".
- Be strong. You will have opposition and bad days. Rest in the Lord and His strength.
- Walk in love (see v.24). Love should be a distinguishing mark of our life. We must show sacrifice, care, and concern for one another.

4. We are to be a close knit family. (vv. 15-21)

As Paul comes to the end of this letter, he reminds his Corinthian friends of the love he has for them and the love within the family of brothers and sisters in Christ. It is a reminder to us of how we are to be today.

- have genuine love for one another

- * ministering to each through involvement, encouragement, etc.

- * enjoy and foster friendship within the family of God

- * be hospitable

- * show affection for one another. Greet each other warmly. Your friendship and care for one another should be obvious.

- be united in Christ

5. We are to look expectantly for His return. (v. 22-23)

- * REMEMBER OUR TIME IS SHORT

- * BE FOCUSED AND BE WHAT YOU WERE CREATED TO BE — LIVE FOR HIS GLORY

- * LIVE IN HARMONY AND RECONCILE IF YOU HAVE DIFFERENCES WITH OTHERS

- * SERVE OTHERS FOR HIS GLORY

- * SEEK HIM EACH DAY