

Lesson 16

1 Corinthians 16:1-24

• Questions

1. What question or issue did Paul deal with at the beginning of this chapter (16:1)?

2. Who was the collection for and when was the collection to be gathered (16:1-2)?

3. Where was the collection to be taken and by whom was it to be sent (16:3-4)?

4. When did Paul plan to see the Corinthians (16:5-6)?

5. Where was Paul waiting when he wrote this epistle and why was he waiting there (16:7-9)?

6. What was Timothy doing at this time and what plans did Apollos have (16:10-12)?

7. What five closing admonitions did Paul give the Corinthians (16:13-14)?

8. What was the house of Stephanus known for (16:15-18)?

9. Who sent their greetings (salutations) to the Corinthians and how were the Corinthians to greet each other (1 Cor. 16:19-20)?

10. What did Paul write in his closing remarks about the man who did not love the Lord, about Jesus, and about himself (16:21-23)?

• **Digging Deeper**

1. What can be learned about the collection from 2 Corinthians 8-9?

2. What does “maranatha” mean (16:22)?

• **Applications for Today**

1. Christians are supposed to offer a portion of their income into the collection each Sunday (16:1-2). What kind of giver does God want (2 Cor. 9:6-7)?

2. When God opens doors of opportunity to teach others the gospel we need to walk through those doors and teach others (16:9). What kind of “doors” does God open for people (Acts 14:27; 2 Cor. 2:12; Col. 4:3; Rev. 3:8)?

3. It is good for us to be busy doing the Lord’s work like Timothy (16:10). What admonition did Paul give the Corinthians regarding the Lord’s work (1 Cor. 15:58)?

4. Paul’s five closing admonitions are important for us today (16:13-14). When is a good time to be watchful (Mt. 25:13; 26:41; Acts 20:30-31; 1 Thess. 5:6; 1 Pet. 5:8; Rev. 3:2)? Why is it important to stand fast (Gal. 5:1; Phil. 1:27; 2 Thess. 2:15)? Why is it important to act mature like men (1 Cor. 14:20)? When is it important to be strong (Eph. 6:10-11)? What are Christians to do in love (Eph. 3:17; 4:2, 15, 16; 5:2; Col. 2:2; 1 Thess. 5:13)?