

Studies in First Corinthians

NT Survey Lesson 102--1 Corinthians 16

Introduction: In the final chapter Paul deals with several important practical matters and finishes his letter with some short but timely exhortations. Among them is instructions concerning how to raise money to assist the needy in Jerusalem.

Lesson aim: To teach the need for Christians to give as prospered each first day.

The collection for the saints--1 Cor. 16:1-9

1. Paul refers to a collection for what people? Where did these saints live? (See Rom. 15:26) What other churches were involved in this work besides Corinth?
2. How were the churches to raise money to help the needy? Would this money make up a church treasury to which money would be added each week? When Paul came to Corinth, would there be a need for collections to be made for the saints? Why?
3. On what basis or measure did Paul command the Corinthians to give?
4. Would the church at Corinth choose a courier or messenger for their gift? Would this messenger go with Paul to Jerusalem?
5. Trace out where Paul planned to go after leaving Ephesus. Does this indicate that Paul wrote 1 Corinthians while in Ephesus?
6. What were Paul's thoughts about the work in Ephesus?

Instruction concerning how to treat those who dedicated themselves to gospel service--1 Cor. 16:10-18

1. Who did Paul think might visit Corinth? What did Paul urge the Corinthians to do for him? Why?

2. Did Paul want Apollos to go to Corinth and work? Did he agree to do so?
3. What closing exhortations does Paul give in v. 13-14?
4. What man and his family had been among the first to be converted in Achaia? To what had he devoted himself? What did Paul urge the Corinthians to do to him and others like him?

Closing greetings--1 Cor. 16:19-24

1. Were there already church established in Asia when Paul wrote? What couple in particular sent their greetings from Ephesus?
2. Did Paul write his own greeting? Does this suggest that Paul might have dictated his letter to another to write down?
3. "If one does not love the Lord, let him be _____".
4. See if you can find out what "maranatha" means. Why would Paul have said this?