

When Timothy comes, see that you put him at ease among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord, as I am.

- 1 Corinthians 16:10

## I. A WEEKLY COLLECTION

- Paul turns his attention to very practical matters; a collection for impoverished believers in and around Jerusalem (Rom. 15:25-29; 2 Cor. 9:1-5).
- The believers in Corinth are instructed to give (Vs. 2):
  1. Systematically—setting aside sums weekly.
  2. In an organized fashion—the “church” will receive and hold the funds for distribution.
  3. Proportionately—as God has blessed the individual or family.
- The Corinthians will choose responsible people to take the gift to Jerusalem. They must be accredited by the church before Paul either sends them out or accompanies them (Vss. 3-4).

## II. A REQUEST FOR HOSPITALITY

- Paul shares his travel plans. He hopes to spend time with the Corinthians again via a prolonged stay. He would like for them to “help me on my journey.”
- Fruitful work is occurring in Ephesus and Paul would like to capitalize on the occasion, even though there are many opposing his work (Vss. 8-9).
- Timothy, Paul’s faithful companion is on his way to Corinth. Paul would like to see him hospitably received, refreshed, and sent back to Paul (3 John 5-8).
- Friendships are important in life and in ministry. Thus, we should seek them out (Phil. 2:20-22; Col. 4:7-15; 2 Tim. 4:9-12).

**KNOW:** Generosity and hospitality are hallmarks of the Christian faith. We should practice them as God gives us the means, and we should encourage and seek out Christian friendships.

**DO:** As God provides, practice generosity and hospitality. Seek faithful friendships, and be a good friend in return.

**Suggested Reading:**

*The Gospel Comes with a Housekey* by Rosaria Butterfield  
(Available in the LifePoint Adult Library)

*The Treasure Principle* by Randy Alcorn  
(Available in the LifePoint Adult Library)

**For Children:**

*The Man in the Tree and the Brand New Start: A True Story About Zacchaeus and the Difference Knowing Jesus Makes* by Carl Laferton  
(Available in the LifePoint Kid's Library)

**Next Week's Preaching Text:** 1 Corinthians 16:12-23

**Questions/Discovery Points for  
Life Groups/Families**

**Please Read I Corinthians 16:1-11**

1. What does this passage of Scripture demonstrate to us about the apostle Paul?
2. What is Paul hoping for as it relates to the Corinthians? What is he hoping for from them?
3. Why are generosity and hospitality important in our faith?
4. Why does Paul want to linger in Ephesus? What does this tell us about Paul?
5. What lessons are here for us in this text?