**1 Corinthians 16**

*Paul finally gives instructions for a weekly contribution to be used for benevolence to needy Christians elsewhere. He ends his letter with information regarding his personal plans, and some final brief admonitions. (Synopsis by Stan Cox)*

1. Inquiry from Corinthians **(7:1-16:4)** – *“Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me:”* **(7:1)**.
   1. Concerning Collection for saints **(16:1-4)**.
      1. Taking up the collection **(vv. 1-2).**
         1. Same instruction given to the Galatian churches **(v. 1).**
         2. When? First day of the week. What? Lay by in store, as you have prospered. Why? That there be no collections when Paul comes **(v. 2).**
      2. Sending the collection **(vv. 3-4).**
         1. To be sent with an approved representative of the Corinthian church **(v. 3).**
         2. Paul will go as well if need be **(v. 4).**
2. Final statements/exhortations **(16:5-24).**
3. Paul’s plans **(16:5-12).**
   * 1. Paul’s Plans **(vv. 5-9).**
        1. He plans to see them when he passes through Macedonia **(vv. 5-7).**
        2. But after he tarries in Ephesus until Pentecost because there has been an opportunity presented to him **(v. 8-9).**
     2. Concerning Timothy **(vv. 10-11).**
        1. Allow him to come without fear **(v. 10).**
        2. Do not despise him, but send him in peace. For, Paul is waiting for him **(v. 11).**
     3. Concerning Apollos **(v. 12).**
        1. Despite the urging of Paul, he decided not yet to go to Corinth **(v. 12a).**
        2. He will come when it is convenient for him **(v. 12b).**
4. Final Exhortations **(16:13-18).**
   * 1. Steadfastness and love **(vv. 13-14).**
     2. Submit to the household of Stephanas, and to others like them **(v. 15-18).**
5. Concluding greeting and farewell **(16:19-24).**
   * 1. Greeting from the Asian churches, and Aquila and Priscilla **(v. 19-20a).**
     2. Greet with a holy kiss **(v. 20b).**
     3. Paul salutes in his own handwriting **(v. 21).**
     4. A warning about not loving Jesus, and a plea for His coming **(v. 22).**
     5. A prayer for grace, and an expression of love **(v. 23-24).**

**Questions**

1. What is significant about *“the first day of the week”* **(v. 2)?** Why is it a convenient time for the *“collection?”*
2. Explain the concept of submitting to other Christians **(vv. 15-16).**
3. What does Paul mean by, *“a great and effective door has opened to me”* **(v. 9)?**

**Another Question to Consider**

The collection of **verses 1-4** is a collection *“for the saints.”* What are some other uses for the money collected on the first day of the week? How do we know? Also, what are some improper uses of this money?