
Instructions for the Church

1 Corinthians 16:1-24

Paul used his letter to address many questions from the church members at Corinth. As he concludes his letter, he gives instructions that are applicable to all of the believers. Because his instructions pertain to the ministry that every Christian has, we are also challenged to fulfill these instructions as a part of our own ministry.

1. Instructions for the collection

1 Corinthians 16:1-4

- a) Collections were to be taken on the first day of every week (vs. 1-2)
- b) The offering required planning and saving (vs. 3)
- c) The gift was to be personal (vs. 3-4)
 - The Christians were to do ministry through their offerings.

2. Instructions for hospitality

1 Corinthians 16:5-12

- a) Paul would be coming from Ephesus (vs. 5-9)
- b) Timothy would be coming from Macedonia (vs. 10) (Acts 19:21-22)
- c) Hospitality replaces fear with peace (vs. 9-11)
 - The Christians were to do ministry through their hospitality.

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3. Instructions for devotion

1 Corinthians 16:13-24

- a) Be devoted to the faith (vs. 13)
- b) Be devoted to strength and courage (vs. 13)
- c) Be devoted to love in all that you do (vs. 13)
- d) Be devoted to Christian service (vs. 15-18)
 - The Christians were to do ministry through their Christian devotion.

❖ Insight for life:

I will fulfill the ministry that God has given to all Christians.

My Thoughts: