

Watch Out and Be Set Apart

1 Corinthians 16

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I. A special offering. 1 Corinthians 16:1-4

The word used for *collection* is talking about an extra collection; and it refers to freely giving to the Lord, not by _____.

- The Jerusalem Church was also under heavy _____ not only from Jews, but also from the Romans; it may have been tough for Christians to find a job because of all the persecution.

II. Paul's travel plans. 1 Corinthians 16:5-12

"Instead, Paul made a soon, painful visit to Corinth to personally _____ them in some areas." (Guzik)

- Timothy was timid when it came to _____, and especially while dealing with older Christians. **1 Timothy 4:12-14**

III. Be aware. 1 Corinthians 16:13-18, Ephesians 5:15-16

In order to continue growing in our relationship with Christ and to shine brightly in a dark world; we must walk in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit and in the light of _____.

- **Watch** means to give strict _____ to something.
- **Stand fast in the faith** means to stand firm, to persevere, or to persist in trusting in Jesus and what He has promised.
- **Be brave** means to have courage in _____ and not yourself.
- **Be strong** means to increase in strength, and to grow strong in the Lord. **Ephesians 6:10**

IV. Farewell. 1 Corinthians 16:19-24

Paul over and over again, affirmed that the Love of Christ is the most _____ aspect of the Christian walk.

- As we grow in our faith and relationship, we come to know the Lord more. The more we know Him, the more we will _____ in our love for Him.

V. Practical steps for Christian growth.

1. Have a daily _____ life.
2. Daily, read the Bible.

If you are not learning to _____ the voice of God; it could be because you are not reading His love letter written to you.

3. Trust and _____ the Lord. **Proverbs 3:5-6**

4. Be a _____ for Jesus with your life and your words.
5. Engage in fellowship with _____ believers.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **1 Corinthians 16:1-4**. What kind of offering was Paul referring to? Why did the Jerusalem church have a special need? Did Paul name a specific group who should give to this cause? **Acts 11:27-30, 24:17, Romans 15:26, 2 Corinthians 8:13, 9:7-12, Galatians 2:9-10**
2. Read **1 Corinthians 16:5-12**. How difficult is it to wait on the Lord when making plans for the future. What happens if we get ahead of the Lord in our planning? **James 4:13-15, Proverbs 16:9, 27:1, Ecclesiastes 3:1, Lamentations 3:25-26**
3. Read **1 Corinthians 16:13-18 and Ephesians 5:15-16**. What things should we be careful to watch out for in our Christian walks? How do we stay aware and grow in Christ? **1 Peter 5:8, Psalm 119:105**
4. Discuss the four words from **1 Corinthians 16:13**, as listed in point III. of the sermon note sheet. **Ephesians 6:10, 2 Corinthians 12:9, 1 Corinthians 13:1-3**
5. Read **1 Corinthians 16:19-24**. What did Paul mean when he said, "If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed?" **Hebrews 9:22, John 14:6, John 17:3**
6. Discuss the practical application of the sermon. **Acts 17:11, Proverbs 3:5-6, 1 Thessalonians 5:11, 1 Corinthians 1:2-3, 1 Corinthians 6:11**