

1 Corinthians 16:1-9 ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE WORK

- The collection for the Jerusalem church v. 1-4
 - As I directed the church of Galatia, do likewise!! Gal. 6
 - How?
 - On the first day of the week set aside savings (offerings)
 - Systematic
 - Who?
 - Each one of you
 - How much?
 - According to one's own unique prosperity
 - What Conditions?
 - Giving with a 'purposed' heart 2 Cor. 9:6-7
 - ◆ Voluntary (freewill gift) not divine taxation
 - ◆ Cheerfully, without covetousness
 - ◆ Generously/sacrificially, a God like attribute Mark 12:41-44
 - That no collections be made while I'm in your presence
 - No showy gifts to be given in Paul's presence Matt. 6:1-4
 - You can then select the team to take it to Jerusalem
 - Accountability Acts 4:35; 6:2-3
 - Rom. 15:7; John 4:22; Eph. 2:11-18; 2 Cor. 9-13
 - I will write the letter that will accompany the collection
 - If I can go, then the team will accompany me!
- Paul's plans and desires to be with the people of Corinth v. 5-7
 - He is coming but through Macedonia first, then he will see them
 - Most likely to stay for a while, maybe the winter
 - That they might be able to send (\$\$\$) him on to his next destination
 - I will not stop to see you just in passing, my real desire is to stay for a while, according to God's will and as God permits
- Paul's immediate focus & opportunity v. 8-9
 - To stay in Ephesus until Pentecost
 - A WIDE door for "effective service" has opened
 - THERE ARE many ADVERSARIES
 - Proof that the gospel is having a God given & driven impact
 - ◆ God's children beating on the gates of Hades
 - ◆ Matt: 16:18, Matt. 28:20