

L145 | I Corinthians | Lay by Him in Store | I Cor. 16:1-4

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III. Sermon:

**Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.
{1 Corinthians 16:1}**

1. Collection for the saints

- **"Now concerning the collection for the saints"**
 1. **"collection"** - money gathered for the relief of the poor
 - 1 Cor. 16:2 - "gatherings"
 2. **"for the saints"**
 - Acts 2:44-45 - "sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men,

as every man had need."

- "give to the poor" - Matt. 19:21, Luke 12:33
- Acts 4:32, 34-35 - "And laid them down at the apostle' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need."

- Acts 5:1ff - "sold a possession"
 - Lifestyle reflective of the kingdom of heaven where there treasure is in heaven, sacrifice their goods for the profit of others

- James 2:1-6

- Rom. 15:25-26 - "poor saints at Jerusalem"
- Gal. 2:10 - "Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was **forward** to do."
 - Rom. 12:13 - "distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality"
 - In view of "hope"

 - Balance of giving to the poor and what Paul says elsewhere
 - 2 The. 3:8-12
 - Eph. 4:28

- **Additional Major Operations to Give**
 1. The needs of the saints - Rom. 12:8, 13
 2. The elders that rule well and that labors in word and doctrine - 1 Tim. 5:17-18; 1 Cor. 9:6-12, 14; Php. 4:15-18

3. By the churches

- "as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye."
- Rom. 15:26 - "Macedonia and Achaia"
- 2 Cor. 8:1 - "Macedonia"

**Upon the first [day] of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as [God] hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.
{1 Corinthians 16:2}**

2. Lay by Him in Store

1. When?

- **"upon the first day of the week"** - in view of the week's labor and wages they would then lay by him in store

- **"lay by him in store"** - isn't the issue of putting in his own pocket, but the act of communicating to the poor

- An understanding that the distribution of worldly goods should translate in the mind of the believer of laying up in store in heaven - ACTS 20:35,

"I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how

He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

- Luke 12:16-21, 33-34
 - Luke 18:22
 - Col. 3:1-4 - set affection on things above
 - 1 Tim. 6:17-19
- **We ought to labor to be wise in giving, simple in giving, and liberal in giving.**

2. How much?

- **"as God hath prospered him"**
- Paul had a view of men laboring under the sun thus ultimately it was God prospering them, they were working with their hands in God's creation
- **"prospered"** - succeed in business affairs
 - Creation
 - A Job
 - Instruction of Diligence
 - Eph. 6:5-8
- The amount of that which the man prospered isn't determined by God here, therefore
 1. It was up to the judgment of the one prospered by God, and
 - 2 Cor. 9:6
 - Purposeth in his heart
 2. The amount may vary
 - Sparingly or bountifully

3. Why?

- **"that there be no gathering when I come"**
- 2 Cor. 9:7 - "...not grudgingly, or of necessity

And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by [your] letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem. And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me.
{1 Corinthians 16:3}

3. Liberality unto Jerusalem

- 1. Approve by letters**
 - "And when I come"
 - "whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send"
 - 2 Cor. 8:18-24
- 2. Sent to bring to Jerusalem**

- **"them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem."**
 - Gentiles giving to Jews because of Christ
 - Gentiles who, take thought of what they eat, drink, and clothing (Matt. 6:31-32) giving of their treasures, prosperity, and even necessities
 - **Liberality** - not bound by the things of the earth, because they are free in Christ, liberated by His resurrection unto the heavenly places - the better world to come.

3. Meet for Paul to go

- **"And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me."**
 - Assurance

IV. Conclusion: