

# Instructions for Spirit-Led Giving: Together: A Study of 1 Corinthians

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**Key Truth:** Regular and Spirit-Led giving supports effective and Spirit-Led ministry.

First Corinthians 16 concludes the letter and comprises Paul's last set of instructions to the Corinthian Church. Here he is not trying to correct anything they are doing wrong. In fact, this may be something they are doing right. Instead, he gives them some guidance on how they are to give financially to the ministry initiative he is leading. He reminds them that he directed the Galatians on this very issue. Since he is speaking under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we can rightly call this passage: "Instructions for Spirit-Led Giving."

## **DISCUSS**

Read **1 Corinthians 16:1-9** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on "**Instructions for Spirit-Led Giving.**"

## **DIG IN**

**1. Spirit-Led Giving:** (1 Corinthians 16:1-4)

What is the collection effort that Paul speaks about in verse 1 (see Acts 11:28-30)?

What kinds of expenses does the church today have? Are those also part of gospel ministry? Why or why not?

According to verses 1 & 2, what does Paul instruct the Corinthian church to do?

Who are the "saints" Paul speaks of?

When is this collection to be made? Why?

How much does Paul instruct them to give (see 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; 9:6-8)?

What is the attitude we should have in our giving?

What about verses 3-4 suggest that Paul is interested in financial accountability and trustworthiness?

**2. Spirit-Led Ministry:** (1 Corinthians 16:5-9)

Why was it important that Paul convey his travel plans to the Corinthians?

What does Paul say in these verses that suggest his ministry is Spirit-led?

## **DO**

In what ways will you put what you've learned into practice this week?