

## The Collection for God's People - 1 Corinthians 16:1-4

**Topics:** Church, Generosity, Giving Up, Money, Possessions, Sacrifice, Tithing

### Open It

- \* 1. Who has been generous to you over the years?
- 2. What do you think of organizations that depend on donations?

### Explore It

- 3. For whom was the collection that Paul requested? (16:1)
- 4. Whose example was the Corinthian church to follow? (16:1)
- \* 5. Who was to contribute to the collection? (16:2)
- \* 6. How were the Corinthians to know how much money to give? (16:2)
- 7. When were the Corinthians to set aside money for their gifts? (16:2)
- \* 8. Why did Paul give such specific instructions to the Corinthians? (16:2)
- 9. What specific instructions did Paul give the Corinthians regarding the collection? (16:2-3)
- 10. What did Paul plan to do during his visit to the Corinthian church? (16:3)
- 11. Who was to deliver the gift to Jerusalem? (16:3)
- 12. Why would letters of introduction be important for those delivering the gift? (16:4)

### Get It

- 13. What can we learn from the giving practices of the early church?
- 14. What attitudes or actions of the early Christians do you think you should imitate?
- 15. What characteristics of the early church should your church imitate?
- 16. Which of Paul's instructions on giving were meant exclusively for the Corinthian church?
- 17. What principles should govern our giving to the work of the Lord?
- \* 18. How should we decide how much to set aside for the church?
- 19. What kind of discernment should we show in our giving?
- 20. In what ways can church leaders be kept accountable in using the money given to the church?
- \* 21. How do you think you can be a better steward of the resources God has given you?

### Apply It

- \* 22. How can you improve your attitude or practices in supporting God's work financially?
- 23. What considerations should you keep in mind when planning your giving?