

(1 Corinthians 16:1-24)

INTRODUCTION: The theme of First Corinthians is obviously the problems of a first century pioneer church and the solutions to those problems. In Chapters 1-6 Paul dealt with disorders in the church that had been reported to him – divisions – lack of discipline – civil lawsuits among Christians within the fellowship – participation in the immorality of pagan temple worship. Chapters 7-14 Paul deals with the difficulties that had been raised in a letter that he received from Corinth – marriage and celibacy – meat offered to idols – public worship practices – identification and exercise of spiritual gifts within the assembly meeting. In chapter 15 Paul set forth the doctrine of the resurrection of the believer's physical body after death, refuting false teaching that had arisen in the assembly. As Paul goes from problem to problem in each case he deals with them on the basis of Biblical theological principles. Problems are not solved on the basis of human wisdom or expediency but always and only on the basis of the Word of God. In chapter 16 we will consider Paul's final words of wisdom which have much to say to us living in

I. WORDS OF INSTRUCTION – 16:1-4

BIBLICAL APPROACH TO GIVING

- A. IT SHOULD BE SYSTEMATIC
- B. IT SHOULD BE PERSONAL
- C. IT SHOULD BE SACRIFICIAL
- D. IT SHOULD BE SPIRITUAL

II. WORDS OF _____ – 16:5-9

III. WORDS OF _____ – 16:10-18

A. _____ APPOINTED LEADERS

B. _____ ASSAILING ENEMIES

IV. WORDS OF _____ - 16:19-21

V. WORDS OF _____ - 16:22-23

VI. WORDS OF _____ - 16:24

CONCLUSION: