

Learning to give
1 Corinthians 16:1-9, p. 935

I. DEVELOP A PLAN TO GIVE CONSISTENTLY (1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-4).

- A. Financial generosity is basic to spiritual maturity (1).
 - Financial need in Jerusalem gave opportunity to learn generosity and bond Jew and Gentile churches (Acts 11:27-30; 24:17; Galatians 2:10; Romans 15:27; 2 Corinthians 8 & 9).
- B. Financial generosity begins with a plan (2).
 1. Give consistently – A regular schedule (2a).
 2. Give proportionately – Ability (2b; 2 Cor. 8:11-12; Acts 11:29).
 - Tithing no longer commanded – just proportionate.
 3. Give sacrificially (2 Corinthians 8:1-5).
 4. Give willingly (Exodus 35:21; 2 Cor. 8:4, 11; 9:7, 1 Tim. 6:17-19).
 5. Give motivated by God's grace (2 Corinthians 8:9).
- C. Financial generosity must be handled accountably (3-4).
 - Multiple, trusted people involved.

II. USE YOUR HOME FOR HOSPITALITY AND SUPPORT MISSIONARIES (1 CORINTHIANS 16:5-9).

- A. Paul shared his plan to visit Corinth (5-7).
 - He anticipated their hospitality.
 - He asked for their financial support.
- B. Paul shared his plan to stay in Ephesus for a while because of the spiritual opportunity in spite of persecution (8-9).