



SET SOMETHING ASIDE

1 Corinthians 16:1-4

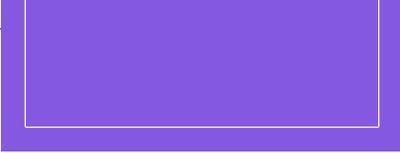
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Now about the collection for the saints: Do the same as I instructed the Galatian churches. On the first day of the week, each of you is to set something aside and save in keeping with how he is prospering, so that no collections will need to be made when I come.

When I arrive, I will send with letters those you recommend to carry your gift to Jerusalem. If it is suitable for me to go as well, they will travel with me.

Two big ideas:

- Christian giving is the thoughtful and willing response to God's provision
- Helpers are trusting and trusted, confident and wise.



How do the
givers give?

The collection

“Now about **the collection** for the saints...”

Giving *together*
multiplies
effectiveness

For the saints

“Now about the collection **for the saints...**”

Support is given first for believers in need.
(Galatians 6:10)

Do the same

Do the same as I instructed the Galatian churches.

This kind of giving is the consistent example of other churches.

On the first day

On the first day of the week each of you is to set something aside...

It is done regularly, connected to their worship gathering.

Each of you

On the first day of the week **each of you** is to set something aside...

Every member shares in the privilege of thoughtful giving.

Set something aside

set something aside
and save in keeping
with how he is
prospering...

Giving is done
thoughtfully, without
pressure or panic.

How he is prospering

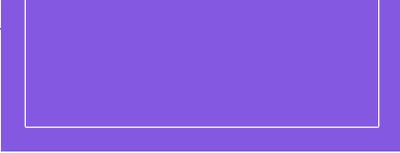
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how he is prospering,
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will need to be made
when I come.

Giving is a response to
God's good gift to us.
We give *because* we
have received, not *in*
order to receive.

Big Idea about givers:

Christian giving is the thoughtful and willing response to God's provision:

- We give together
- We give to help each other



How do the
helpers help?

Keep it organized

...**so that** no
collections will need
to be made when I
come.

The helper gives
direction.

Keep them informed

so that no collections
will need to be made
when I come.

The helper doesn't
rely on last-minute
surprise "attacks."

Confirm integrity

When I arrive, **I will send with letters** those you recommend to carry your gift to Jerusalem.

The helper makes sure everything is above-board.

Trust the giver

When I arrive, I will send with letters **those you recommend to carry your gift** to Jerusalem.

The helper asks the givers to guide the process.

The helper remembers the gifts are not his, but the givers

Ensure delivery

If it is suitable for me to go as well, they will travel with me.

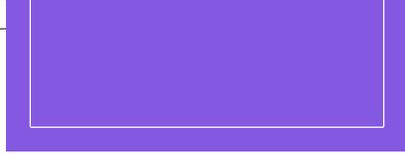
The helper knows his limitations, but is willing to serve.

Big Idea
about
helpers:

The "helper" is trusting and
trusted, confident and wise.

Making it practical

- Do you trust your brothers and sisters?
- Are you helping others give?
- Do you give as he has prospered you?
 - Or are you stingy?
 - Or are you seeking to manipulate God?
 - Or do you operate out of guilt and legalism?



WHAT SHOULD YOU
SET ASIDE?