



## First Corinthians

### Learning To Be Light in a Dark World

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**Letter of Closing**  
1 Corinthians 16:1-24  
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**Theme:** Paul closes his letter to the Corinthians by encouraging them to finish the collection for the poor Christians in Jerusalem, telling them about his travel plans and the plans of other associates, and giving them some final instructions. We are reminded that this is a real letter between friends meant to encourage and help them in their Christian life. These are our spiritual ancestors!

### **Outline**

1. The Collection for Jerusalem Christians (16:1–4)
  - a. The suffering Jerusalem church
  - b. A model for giving
  - c. Choosing the delegation

2. Travel Plans (16:5–12)

- a. Paul's plans
- b. Timothy's plans
- c. Apollos' plans

3. Final Instructions (16:13-14)

4. Commendation of Leaders (16:19–20)

5. Final Greetings and Farewell (16:19–24)

- a. Greetings from others
- b. Encouragement to love and hope
- c. Letter closing

**Takeaway:** The letter closing reminds us that the Christian life is a team effort, with many people working together to accomplish God's purposes.

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