

# 1 Corinthians

→ 1 Corinthians 16:5-24

**Submission seems to be at the heart of much of Paul's writings to the church at Corinth.**

What are some of the big themes that Paul has addressed in 1 Corinthians?

What challenges and changes have you made as a result of the study in 1 Corinthians?

Specifically, what have you tried to apply this past week because of the message or study?

Why do we all struggle with submission?

When is submission easy for you? When is it difficult?

**Read 1 Corinthians 1:10.** What is causing divisions? What's Paul advising them to do?

**Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-2.** What does Paul want to know? How does this change Paul's worth, value, and meaning?

Now we come to the final chapter of Paul's letter to the church at Corinth. He offers some strong words of encouragement regarding how to treat other who come to serve the church on his behalf and in the name of Jesus. The focus of our study is in I Corinthians 16:13-16.

**Read I Corinthians 16:5-24 aloud...then re-read vs. 13-16.**

What does Paul mean here by being watchful?

**Read Mark 13:23.** What is Jesus saying we should be on our guard?

**Read 1 Timothy 6:20-21.** Why is Paul saying here that Timothy should be on guard?

**Galatians 6:1.** What is Paul saying here we should watch out for in regard to our faith?

**Stand Firm in the faith. - Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-2.**

How is it that we stand on the Gospel? What areas in your life are being transformed by the Gospel? Why do you hold back in some areas?

**Act like men and be strong.**

Here the language is best translated *to have mature courage*. The two imperatives combine to communicate the need for Christ followers to be deep in faith and truth and love.

How is being “mature in courage” for the Gospel demonstrated in your life?

How are we to confront one another in immature understandings of the Christian life?

**Do everything in love.**

Read 1 Corinthians 13. Does love permeate your life? Do you know when your service emerges from a place of self-centeredness and not the Gospel? How can you as a group encourage one another in this?

**Now Paul moves to submission... Read 1 Corinthians 16: 15 & 16.**

What are ways we can serve that is a deterrent to those around you who are trying to follow Jesus?

What steps do you need to take to make sure your service does not become a deterrent?

Think about the previous commands in light of the submission command...

How does submission transform your daily walk with Christ?

To life in the Church?

To life in your small group?



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