

The Book of I Corinthians

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God’s Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

This morning we are reading the last chapter of Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians – **chapter 16**. In his closing words, Paul deals with the issue of a financial collection that has been organized ahead of time to help the famine-stricken Jerusalem Christians (read **Acts 11:28; 2 Corinthians 9:1-5**). Paul then finishes by writing some personal requests and final greetings.

This chapter neatly divides into three subsections. Read each subsection, answering for yourself the questions associated with them. Type out your answers or jot them down on a piece of paper and file your answers with your morning study.

Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-4

- How did Paul instruct the Corinthians to save up money toward this collection for the Jerusalem church? (**16:1-4**).

Read 1 Corinthians 16:5-18

- Why did Paul not want to just make a “passing visit” to Corinth? (**16:5-7**).
- Why had Paul decided to stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost? (**16:8-9**).
- In **verse 12**, Paul urged “our brother Apollos” to go to Corinth. What bearing does this verse have on **1:11-12** and **3:3-23**?
- In **verse 13**, how does Paul urge the Corinthian Christians to “do everything” and what relation does this verse have to **12:30-14:1**?
- Who did Paul encourage the Corinthians to submit to? (**16:16**).
- What kind of men deserve recognition? (**16:18**).

Read 1 Corinthians 16:19-24

- Where did the church of Aquila and Priscilla meet? (**16:19**).
- How did Paul instruct the Corinthian Christians to greet one another? (**16:20**).
- How did Paul sign off his first letter to the Corinthians? What word does he repeat in both **verse 22** and **verse 24**?

Memory Verse

Do everything in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!