Stewardship

**(1 Corinthians 16)**

***Paul encourages proper stewardship of…***

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (16:1-4)
* The Gentile believers should have felt a special \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ towards the Jews in return for the spiritual blessings the Jews had given them. (Rom. 15:25-27)
* Paul had also agreed to “remember the poor,” years before, so he was keeping his pledge. (Gal. 2:10)
* Paul knew the gospel was most important, but simply \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the gospel did not alleviate the church from assisting with people their physical needs.
* Paul’s main motive for taking up the offering was to help \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jewish and Gentile believers.
* Paul’s mission to the Gentiles bothered some of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believers. (Acts 17:21-25)
* Paul’s instructions can show us some basic principles that relate to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, even though this was just a special offering.
  + Giving is an act of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + Giving should be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + Proper exercise of giving is intended to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (This does not mean private or no ones business.)
  + Giving is to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God affords us. (16:5-9)
* Paul was as careful in his use of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as he was in his use of money.
* We can’t afford to waste time or waste \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Being a good steward of time doesn’t mean having a calendar full of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (James 4:13-17)
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (16:10-24)
* Often at the close of his letters, Paul named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who were a part of his life and his ministry.
* He was not only a soul winner, but he was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ maker; and many of his friends were dedicated to ministry as leaders and volunteers.
* Money and opportunities are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ without people.
* The church’s greatest asset is people, but all too often people are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Jesus did not give His disciples money.
  + He invested 3 years in training them for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so they would seize the opportunities He would present them.
  + If people are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, then God will supply both the opportunities and the money so that His work will be accomplished.
* We should model our marriages around the example found in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**

**So What Now?**

* Let’s pray for God’s help in stewardship.
  + Help us manage our money for your kingdom.
  + Help us manage our time to be about your kingdoms work.
  + Help us never let your time and our money get in the way of what’s most important; your people.
  + Help us pour our energy and efforts into your people.