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Dedicated to Giving
16: 1-24



His first letter to **the Corinthians** certainly illustrates his reminder to **Timothy**, that **all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness (Second Timothy 3:16).** When writing to this struggling church, **Paul** taught them **doctrine**; in general, **he** taught them what should and what should not happen during public worship, while specifically correcting **their** faulty theology concerning the Resurrection. **The apostle to the Gentiles** confronted **his** readers with a hefty dose of **criticism**; **he** soundly rebuked **them** for the many things that undermined **their** unity and compromised **their** mission. **He** then offered them some much needed **correction**, as to both **their** beliefs and **their** behavior. And finally, **he** gave **them** instruction as to how to live righteously in a woefully unrighteous world.

*Dear Great and Loving Heavenly **Father**, Praise **You** for always being loving and kind – even in **Your discipline**. Thank **You** for Paul's example of confronting error as a firm yet loving spiritual father who wanted to train his spiritual children to be on the right path. **For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it (Hebrews 12:11).***

*It is good that **You** look to the end result and desire to purify each of **Your** children for our eternal life in heaven with **You**. **You have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith – more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Yeshua Messiah (First Peter 1:6c-7).** Thank **You** for being such a wise and wonderful **Father**. In **Yeshua's** holy name and power of **His** resurrection. Amen*

The great themes of the book have been dealt with. But there are still some matters requiring attention, and now **Paul** concluded **his** letter with one last bit of teaching, this time concerning the financial responsibilities of those in the church. **He** then ended **his** letter with **his** customary personal touch, mentioning several individuals by name, bestowing **God's** grace on **his** readers, and assuring them of **his** enduring love – a sobering conclusion to this confrontational first letter.[515]