

“Resource Management, Part 1 (Money)”

Sunday, February 23, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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1 Corinthians 16:1-24

BIG IDEA: Authentic Christians manage their finances so they can support the work of Christ’s Church.

*“On the first day of the week,
each of you is to set something aside
and save in keeping with how he is prospering...”
1 Corinthians 16:2a (CSB)*

☞ **Give intentionally.** (v1)

☞ **Give worshipfully.** (v2)

☞ **Give regularly.** (v2)

☞ **Give personally.** (v2)

☞ **Give proportionately.** (v2)

☞ **Give carefully.** (v3-4)

Read: 1 Corinthians 16:1-4

Think: Evaluate your strategy for giving, then ask these questions: *With whom do you trust money: Your kids, the bank, a financial advisor/broker, the government? How would you explain to a friend Paul’s principles about giving as outlined in these verses? Why is the gift for the Jerusalem church so important? Why is giving intentionally so important? Why do you suppose Paul brings the matter of giving into the public context of corporate worship? Is systematic regular giving important? Why or why not? What is the balance between giving in public worship and maintaining a personal and “secret” aspect to what is given? Just how much should each person give? What is significant about the ones who will have responsibility over this gift?*

DO: What adjustments in your budget should you make in order to give according to the principles we’ve learned today? To whom can you express thanks and appreciation for providing financial and material resources for you when you needed it most? Try writing a thank you note to God for His “incredible gift”.

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