



“Resource Management, Part 3 (Relationships)”


Sunday, March 9, 2025, 10:30 a.m.
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI
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1 Corinthians 16:10-24


BIG IDEA: Authentic Christians manage their relationships as a personal expression of the Great Commandment.


“And may the Lord cause you to increase and overflow with love for one another and for everyone, just as we do for you.”
1 Thessalonians 3:12 (CSB)


 **Paul authentically managed his relationship with Timothy. (v10-11)**
○ Don't write off anyone or give up on them.

 **Paul authentically managed his relationship with Apollos. (v12)**
○ We aren't in competition with one another.

 **Paul authentically managed his relationship with Stephanas and Company. (v15-18)**
○ Celebrate and honor those who are faithful in ministry.

 **Paul authentically managed his relationship with Aquila and Priscilla. (v19b)**
○ Appreciate the value of sacrificial long term ministry partnerships.

 **Paul authentically managed his relationship with all the Churches. (v19a, 20)**
○ We are in this thing together!

 **Paul authentically managed his relationship with the Corinthians. (v13, 14, 21-24)**
○ Managing relationships means mutual acceptance, affirmation, and accountability.

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Read: Re-read 1 Corinthians 16:10-24

Think: Take an inventory of the various relationships in your network, and then ask yourself the following questions: *In light of the full context of 1 Corinthians, how does Paul's list of relationships strike you? What can you learn from each of these relationships Paul specifically identifies in writing to the believers at Corinth? Given all the hard things Paul wrote to this church, how do you account for the warmth of v19-24? How does this compare with how he began the letter (see 1:1-9)?*

Do: Identify which of Paul's concluding exhortations in v13-14 you want to apply at this time: a) “Be alert”, b) “Stand firm in the faith”, c) “Be courageous”, d) “Be strong”, e) “Do everything in love”. Write out an action plan to be more intentional in managing your relationships in your family, with other Christ-followers, and with those outside the household of faith.