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## Some Personal Concerns of Paul

### 1 Corinthians 16: 05–24

**1** *Concern 1:*  
*To reach and to nurture all*

- a. To “go through” Macedonia
- b. To “winter” in Corinth
  
  
  
  
  
- c. To “remain” in Ephesus

**2** *Concern 2:*  
*A disciple’s welfare (Timothy’s)*

- a. Receive him
- b. Support him, cp. 6-7

- 5 After I go through Macedonia, I will come to you —  
for I will be going through Macedonia.
- 6 Perhaps I will stay with you awhile,  
or even spend the winter,  
so that you can help me on my journey, wherever I go.
- 7 I do not want to see you now  
and make only a passing visit;  
I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits.
- 8 But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost,
- 9 Because a great door for effective work has opened to me,  
and there are many who oppose me.
- 10 If Timothy comes,  
see to it that he has nothing to fear while he is with you,  
for he is carrying on the work of the Lord, just as I am.
- 11 No one, then, should refuse to accept him.  
Send him on his way in peace so that he may return to me.  
I am expecting him along with the brothers.

**3 Concern 3:**  
*A brother following the will of the Lord (Apollos)*

**4 Concern 4:**  
*To exhort immature believers*

**5 Concern 5: Paul's shining examples**

a. Stephanas' household

- 1) The first believers
- 2) Addicted to the ministry
- 3) Submit to such ministers
- 4) Submit to all who help and labour

b. Fortunatus and Achaicus

- 1) Messengers of the church
- 2) Personally refreshed Paul's spirit
- 3) Acknowledge them

**6 Concern 6:**  
*To stress love and not division*

a. In the final salutation

b. The terrifying importance of love for Christ

c. The love of Paul for all

12 Now about our brother Apollos:  
I strongly urged him to go to you with the brothers.  
He was quite unwilling to go now,  
but he will go when he has the opportunity.

13 Be on your guard;  
stand firm in the faith;  
be men of courage: be strong.

14 Do everything in love.

15 You know that the household of Stephanas  
were the first converts in Achaia,  
and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints.  
I urge you, brothers,

16 To submit to such as these  
and to everyone who joins in the work,  
and labours at it.

17 I was glad when Stephanas, Fortunatus and Achaicus arrived,  
because they have supplied what was lacking from you.

18 For they refreshed my spirit and yours also.  
Such men deserve recognition.

19 The churches in the province of Asia send you greetings.  
Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord,  
and so does the church that meets at their house.

20 All the brothers here send you greetings.  
Greet one another with a holy kiss.

21 I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand.

22 If anyone does not love the Lord —  
a curse be on him.  
Come, O Lord!

23 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

24 My love to all of you in Christ Jesus.  
Amen.