



“Abounding”

The Work of the Lord
I Corinthians 16:1-9

The church abounds through:

I. Means – “concerning the collection for the saints” (vs. 1-2)

Means come with:

- A. **Exp** _____ – “as I have given order...even so do ye”
- B. **Ex** _____ – “upon the first day of the week”
- C. **E** _____ – “lay by him in store, as God has prospered”

II. Mentoring - “I will tarry a while with you...” (vs. 3-7)

Mentoring is about:

- A. **Tru** _____ – “whomsoever ye shall approve by letters...I will send”
- B. **Tr** _____ – “if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me”
- C. **Ti** _____ – “If the Lord permit”

III. Ministry – “is opened unto me” (vs. 8-9)

Ministry has:

- A. **E** _____ - “I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost”
- B. **E** _____ – “a great door and effectual”
- C. **E** _____ – “there are many adversaries”

Sentence Sermon

*“To abound in the work of the Lord means
to reach your full potential in unconditionally loving others.”*

Additional Verses

- *II Corinthians 4:1*
- *Acts 20:3*
- *I Corinthians 11:1*
- *II Timothy 2:2*
- *I Chronicles 29:14*
- *Proverbs 11:25*
- *Luke 3:11*
- *Ephesians 4:11-12*
- *I Corinthians 15:32*
- *II Corinthians 1:8*
- *Galatians 6:10*
- *II Corinthians 8:1-15; 9:6-14*
- *Acts 24:17*
- *I Corinthians 3:9*

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Why should we care for other believers? What does that look like?
4. Why were they instructed to give on the first day of the week?
5. What does it mean “as God has prospered?”
6. What qualities of an “approved” person should the Corinthians look for?
7. What should believers be “liberal” about?
8. What would be a good reason for Paul to travel with them to Jerusalem?
9. What are some of the hopes that Paul has for his time with them?
10. Why would Paul want to stay in Ephesus until Pentecost?
11. What does it mean for there to be a great door of opened to Paul?
12. How much time have you spent reading or being mentored about ministry?
13. How close are you to reaching your full potential in the work of the Lord?