

Studies In First Corinthians

(I Corinthians 16:12-24)

1. Who was planning to come to Corinth at his own convenient time?

Apollos: *"As touching our brother Apollos, I greatly desired him to come unto you with the brethren: but his will was not at all to come at this time; but he will come when he shall have convenient time"* (I Corinthians 16:12).

- Apollos was an eloquent man that needed guidance in his spiritual youth (Acts 18:24-28).
- He worked with the saints in Corinth (Acts 19:1 and I Corinthians 3:5).
- Some of the Corinthians valued him too much (I Corinthians 1:10-12 and I Corinthians 3:4-6).

2. Did the Lord expect the saints in Corinth to be watchful and strong in the faith?

Yes: *"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong"* (I Corinthians 16:13).

- Watch, be on guard (Acts 20:31, Colossians 4:2, II Timothy 4:5, and I Peter 4:7).
- Stand, be firm (I Corinthians 15:58, Galatians 5:1, and I Thessalonians 3:8).
- Act like men (Joshua 1:6-9; cf. Acts 4:13).
- Be strong (Ephesians 6:10 and Philippians 4:13).

3. How many things should be done with love [charity]?

All things: *"Let all your things be done with charity"* (I Corinthians 16:14).

- I Corinthians 8:1, I Corinthians 14:1, I Timothy 1:5, and I Peter 4:8.

4. Could it be said that the household of Stephanas was dedicated to the Lord's work?

Yes: *"I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted [determined] themselves to the ministry of the saints,)"* (I Corinthians 16:15).

- They were determined to minister to the saints (Acts 11:29).

5. Did Paul expect the Corinthians to submit to those that helped and labored with him?

Yes: *"That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with us, and laboureth"* (I Corinthians 16:16).

- We should submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21, Hebrews 13:17, and I Peter 5:5).

6. Who stepped up to do the work that the Corinthians were lacking in?
 Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus: *“I am glad of the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied”* (**I Corinthians 16:17**).
- Other brethren can and should step up to fill gaps (**II Corinthians 11:9**, **Philippians 2:25-30**, and **Philemon 10-13**).
7. Were Stephanas and Fortunatus helpful to Paul?
 Yes, they refreshed him in spirit: *“(17) I am glad of the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied. (18) For they have refreshed my spirit and yours: therefore acknowledge ye them that are such”* (**I Corinthians 16:17-18**).
- They refreshed him as brethren can and should do for one another (**Proverbs 25:13**, **Romans 15:23**, **II Corinthians 7:6-7; 13**, and **I Thessalonians 3:6-7**).
8. How did Aquila and Priscilla help the church in regard to a place to assemble?
 They let them assemble in their home: *“The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house”* (**I Corinthians 16:19**).
- We read of the congregation assembling in the home of Aquila and Priscilla several times (**Romans 16:3-5** and **I Corinthians 16:19**).
 - They were not the only ones assembling with the church in their home (**Colossians 4:15** and **Philemon 2**).
 - Congregations can assemble in public places (**Acts 2:46**, **Acts 20:7-8**, **I Corinthians 11:20-23**, and **I Corinthians 11:34**).
9. What kind of kiss did the brethren use in greeting?
 Holy kiss: *“All the brethren greet you. Greet ye one another with an holy kiss”* (**I Corinthians 16:20**).
- Not sure what a holy kiss is. Holy means pure. Holy kisses were common (**Romans 16:16**, **II Corinthians 13:12**, and **I Thessalonians 5:26**).
 - We also see a kiss of love (**I Peter 5:14**).
10. Did Paul dictate the epistle to the saints in Corinth?
 No, he wrote it with his own hand: *“The salutation of me Paul with mine own hand”* (**I Corinthians 16:21**).
- **Colossians 4:18** and **II Thessalonians 3:17**; cf. **II Timothy 4:13**.
 - Face to face is still better (**II John 12** and **III John 13-14**).

11. What was someone if they did not love the Lord Jesus Christ?

Anathema Maranatha [accursed in the Judgment]: *"If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha"* (I Corinthians 16:22).

- **Galatians 1:6-9, II Thessalonians 1:7-9, and Jude 14-15.**

12. What was said to conclude the first epistle to the Corinthians?

"(23) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. (24) My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen" (I Corinthians 16:23-24).

- The extending of grace at the conclusion of an epistle (**Romans 16:24, II Corinthians 13:14, Galatians 6:18, Philippians 4:23, I Thessalonians 5:28, II Thessalonians 3:18, II Timothy 4:22, Titus 3:15, and Philemon 25**).
- Notice the connection of extending grace to those who LOVE the Lord sincerely (**Ephesians 6:24**).
- Paul extended his love to the Corinthians. However, the sad reality is, such is not going to be returned to him (**II Corinthians 12:15**).