

Church Matters: Addicted to Charity

Collections

1 Corinthians 16 ...an order

¹ Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

Collection – NT:3048 λογία **logeia** (log-i'-ah) or logia (log-ee'-ah); from NT:3056 (in the commercial sense); a contribution: **KJV** - collection, gathering.

Given order – NT:1299 διατάσσω **diatasso** (dee-at-as'-so); from NT:1223 and NT:5021; to arrange thoroughly, i.e. (specially) institute, prescribe, etc.:

KJV - appoint, command, give, (set in) order, ordain.

Philippians 4

¹⁴ Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction.

¹⁵ Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.

¹⁶ For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

1 Timothy 6

¹⁷ Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

¹⁸ That they **do good**, that they be rich in **good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate**;

¹⁹ Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Hebrews 13

¹⁵ By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

¹⁶ But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Communicate – NT:2842 κοινωνία **koinonia** (koy-nohn-ee'-ah); from NT:2844; partnership, i.e. (literally) participation, or (social) intercourse, or (pecuniary) benefaction:

KJV - (to) communicate (-ation), communion, (contri-) distribution, fellowship.

Galatians 6

⁹ And **let us not be weary in well doing**: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

¹⁰ As we have therefore opportunity, let us **do good unto all men, especially** unto them who are of the **household of faith**.

Genesis 14

¹⁹ And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

²⁰ And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

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Collections (*cont*)

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Hebrews 7

¹ For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

² To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

³ Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

Malachi 3

⁷ Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

⁸ Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

⁹ Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

¹⁰ Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

¹¹ And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

¹² And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

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Prosper

1 Corinthians 16

² Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

let lay – NT:5087 τίθημι **tithemi** (tith'-ay-mee); a prolonged form of a primary theo (theh'-o) (which is used only as alternate in certain tenses); to place (in the widest application, literally and figuratively; properly, in a passive or horizontal posture, and thus different from NT:2476, which properly denotes an upright and active position, while NT:2749 is properly reflexive and utterly prostrate):

KJV - + advise, appoint, bow, commit, conceive, give, ^xkneel down, lay (aside, down, up), make, ordain, purpose, put, set (forth), settle, sink down.

Prospered – NT:2137 εὐοδώ **euodoo** (yoo-od-o'-o); from a compound of NT:2095 and NT:3598; to help on the road, i.e. (passively) succeed in reaching; figuratively, to succeed in business affairs: **KJV** - (have a) prosper (-ous journey).

Gatherings – NT:3048 λογία **logeia** (log-i'-ah) or logia (log-ee'-ah); from NT:3056 (in the commercial sense); a contribution: **KJV** - collection, gathering.

Deuteronomy 14

²² Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.

2 Corinthians 8

¹² For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted **according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.**

¹³ For I mean not that **other men be eased, and ye burdened:**

¹⁴ But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality:

¹⁵ As it is written, **He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack.**

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Liberal

1 Corinthians 16

³ And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem.

Liberality – NT:5485 χάρις **charis** (khar'-ece); from NT:5463; graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude):

KJV - acceptable, benefit, favour, gift, grace (-ious), joy, liberality, pleasure, thank (-s, -worthy).

Matthew 6

² Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

³ But when thou doest alms, **let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth**:

⁴ That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

2 Corinthians 8

¹⁴ But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a **supply for their want**, that **their abundance also may be a supply for your want**: that there may be equality:

Equality – NT:2471 ἰσότης **isotes** (ee-sot'-ace); likeness (in condition or proportion); by implication, equity: **KJV** - equal (-ity).

Deserving

1 Corinthians 16

⁴ And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me.

Meet – NT:514 ἄξιός **axios** (ax'-ee-os); probably from NT:71; deserving, comparable or suitable (as if drawing praise): **KJV** - due reward, meet, [un-] worthy.

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For Ministry

1 Corinthians 16 ...a purpose to travel

⁵ Now I will come unto you, when I shall pass through Macedonia: for I do pass through Macedonia. Pass through – NT:1330 διέρχομαι **dierchomai** (dee-er'-khom-ahee); from NT:1223 and NT:2064; to traverse (literally):

KJV - come, depart, go (about, abroad, everywhere, over, through, throughout), pass (by, over, through, throughout), pierce through, travel, walk through.

1 Corinthians 16 ...provision for the journey

⁶ And it may be that I will abide, yea, and winter with you, that ye may bring me on my journey whithersoever I go [travel].

Bring – NT:4311 προπέμπω **propempe** (prop-em'-po); from NT:4253 and NT:3992; to send forward, i.e. escort or **aid in travel**:

KJV - accompany, bring (forward) on journey (way), conduct forth.

1 Corinthians 16 ...according to the Lord's will

⁷ For I will not see you now by the way; but I trust to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit.

Permit – NT:2010 ἐπιτρέπω **epitrepo** (ep-ee-trep'-o); from NT:1909 and the base of NT:5157; to turn over (transfer), i.e. allow:

KJV - give leave (liberty, license), let, permit, suffer.

1 Corinthians 16 ...in the Lord's timing

⁸ But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost.

Pentecost – NT:4005 πεντηκοστή **pentekoste** (pen-tay-kos-tay'); feminine of the ord. of NT:4004; fiftieth (NT:2250 being implied) from Passover, i.e. the festival of "Pentecost":

KJV - Pentecost.

1 Corinthians 16 ...powerful in the face of the enemy

⁹ For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

Door – NT:2374 θύρα **thura** (thoo'-rah); apparently a primary word [compare "door"]; a portal or entrance (the opening or the closure, literally or figuratively):

KJV - door, gate.

Effectual – NT:1756 ἐνεργής **energes** (en-er-gace'); from NT:1722 and NT:2041; active, operative: **KJV** - effectual, powerful.

Adversaries – NT:480 ἀντίκειμαι **antikeimai** (an-tik'-i-mahee); from NT:473 and NT:2749; to lie opposite, i.e. be adverse (figuratively, repugnant) to:

KJV - adversary, be contrary, oppose.

Perhaps in the same way gladiators entered the door of the arena knowing the adversity before them was opportunity for victory.

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2 Corinthians 4

¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

2 Corinthians 6

¹ We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

² (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

³ Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:

⁴ But in all things **approving ourselves as the ministers of God**, in much **patience**, in **afflictions**, in **necessities**, in **distresses**,

⁵ In **stripes**, in **imprisonments**, in **tumults**, in **labours**, in **watchings**, in **fastings**;

⁶ By **pureness**, by **knowledge**, by **long suffering**, by **kindness**, by the **Holy Ghost**, by **love unfeigned**,

⁷ By the **word of truth**, by the **power of God**, by the **armour of righteousness** on the right hand and on the left,

⁸ By **honour and dishonour**, by **evil report and good report**: as **deceivers**, and yet **true**;

⁹ As **unknown**, and yet **well known**; as **dying**, and, behold, we live; as **chastened**, and **not killed**;

¹⁰ As **sorrowful**, yet **always rejoicing**; as **poor**, yet **making many rich**; as **having nothing**, and yet **possessing all things**.

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For Ministers

1 Corinthians 16 ...without fear

¹⁰ Now if Timotheus come, see that he may be with you **without fear**: for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also do.

Matthew 6

²⁴ No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

²⁵ Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

²⁶ Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

²⁷ Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

²⁸ And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

²⁹ And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

³⁰ Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

³¹ Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

³² (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

³³ But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

³⁴ Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Luke 10

³ Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

⁴ Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way.

⁵ And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.

1 Corinthians 16 ...all that minister

¹¹ Let no man therefore despise him: but conduct him forth in peace, that he may **come unto me**: for I look for him with the brethren.

Despise – NT:1848 ἐξουθενέω **exoutheneo** (ex-oo-then-eh'-o); a variation of NT:1847 and meaning the same: **KJV** - contemptible, despise, least esteemed, set at nought.

...from – NT:1847 ἐξουθενώω **exoudenoo** (ex-oo-den-o'-o); from NT:1537 and a derivative of the neuter of NT:3762; to make utterly nothing of, i.e. despise: **KJV** - set at nought. See also NT:1848.

Peace – NT:1515 εἰρήνη **eirene** (i-ray'-nay); probably from a primary verb eiro (to join); peace (literally or figuratively); by implication, prosperity:

KJV - one, peace, quietness, rest, + set at one again.

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1 Corinthians 16 ...as ministers minister ~ All Come when called by God

¹² 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**.

Convenient time – NT:2119 εὐκαιρέω **eukaireo** (yoo-kahee-reh'-o); from NT:2121; to have good time, i.e. opportunity or leisure: **KJV** - have leisure (convenient time), spend time.

Real Men

1 Corinthians 16

¹³ Watch ye, **stand fast in the faith, quit you like men**, be strong.

Stand fast – NT:4739 στήκω **steko** (stay'-ko); from the perfect tense of NT:2476; to be stationary, i.e. (figuratively) to persevere: **KJV** - stand (fast).

Quit you like men – NT:407 ἀνδρίζομαι **andrizomai** (an-drid'-zom-ahee); middle voice from NT:435; to act manly: **KJV** - quit like men.

1 Timothy 6

¹⁰ For the **love of money is the root of all evil**: which while some coveted after, they have **erred from the faith**, and **pierced themselves through with many sorrows**.

¹¹ But thou, **O man of God**, flee these things; and **follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness**.

*..as a Moses, Elijah, Elisha, David, Shamaiah unto Rehoboam...
Lived by the Word of God...*

2 Timothy 3 ...so also be like them men who live

¹⁶ All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

¹⁷ That the **man of God** may be **perfect, thoroughly furnished** unto all **good works**.

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Benevolent

1 Corinthians 16

¹⁴**Let all your things be done with charity.**

Charity – NT:26 ἀγάπη **agape** (ag-ah'-pay); from NT:25; love, i.e. affection or benevolence; specially (plural) a love-feast:

KJV - (feast of) charity ([-ably]), dear, love.

1 Corinthians 8:1

Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but **charity edifieth**.

1 Corinthians 13:2

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and **have not charity, I am nothing**.

1 Corinthians 13:3

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and **have not charity, it profiteth me nothing**.

1 Corinthians 13:4

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; **charity envieth not**; **charity vaunteth not itself**, is **not puffed up**,

1 Corinthians 13:8

Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

1 Corinthians 13:13

And now abideth faith, hope, **charity**, these three; but the **greatest of these is charity**.

Colossians 3:14

And above all these things **put on charity**, which is the **bond of perfectness**.

1 Timothy 1:5

Now the end of the commandment is **charity out of a pure heart**, and of a **good conscience**, and of **faith unfeigned**:

1 Peter 4:8

And above all things have **fervent charity among yourselves**: for **charity shall cover the multitude of sins**.

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Addictive

1 Corinthians 16

¹⁵ I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have **addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints**.)

Addicted – NT:5021 τᾶσσω **tasso** (tas'-so); a prolonged form of a primary verb (which latter appears only in certain tenses); to arrange in an orderly manner, i.e. assign or dispose (to a certain position or lot): **KJV** - addict, appoint, determine, ordain, set.

2 Corinthians 9

² For I know the **forwardness [eagerness] of your mind**, for which **I boast of you** to them of Macedonia, that **Achaia was ready a year ago**; and your **zeal hath provoked very many**.

Submissive

1 Corinthians 16

¹⁶ That ye **submit yourselves** unto such, and to every one that **helpeth with us**, and **laboureth**.

Submit – NT:5293 ὑποτάσσω **hupotasso** (hoop-ot-as'-so); from NT:5259 and NT:5021; to subordinate; reflexively, to obey:

KJV - be under obedience (obedient), put under, subdue unto, (be, make) subject (to, unto), be (put) in subjection (to, under), submitself unto.

Helpeth – NT:4903 συνεργέω **sunergeo** (soon-erg-eh'-o); from NT:4904; to be a fellow-worker, i.e. co-operate: **KJV** - help (work) with, work (-er) together.

Laboureth – NT:2872 κοπιᾶω **kopiao** (kop-ee-ah'-o); from a derivative of NT:2873; to feel fatigue; by implication, to work hard: **KJV** - (bestow) labour, toil, be wearied.

Ephesians 5

²¹ Submitting yourselves one to another **in the fear of God**.

James 4

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

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Substantive

1 Corinthians 16

¹⁷ I am glad of the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied.

Lacking – NT:5303 ὕστερημα **husterema** (hoos-ter'-ay-mah); from NT:5302; a deficit; specifically, poverty:

KJV - that which is behind, (that which was) lack (-ing), penury, want.

Supplied – NT:378 ἀναπληρώω **anapleroo** (an-ap-lay-ro'-o); from NT:303 and NT:4137; to complete; by implication, to occupy, supply; figuratively, to accomplish (by coincidence of obedience): **KJV** - fill up, fulfill, occupy, supply.

Matthew 19

²⁰ The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: **what lack I yet?**

The Lord said..sell everything and give to the poor...take up your cross and follow me...

2 Corinthians 8

¹⁵ As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack.

Refreshing

1 Corinthians 16

¹⁸ For they have refreshed my spirit and yours: therefore acknowledge ye them that are such.

Refreshed – NT:373 ἀναπαύω **anapano** (an-ap-ow'-o); from NT:303 and NT:3973; (reflexively) to repose (literally or figuratively [be exempt], remain); by implication, to refresh: **KJV** - take ease, refresh, (give, take) rest.

1 Corinthians 16

¹⁹ **The churches of Asia** salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with **the church that is in their house**.

Romans 16

³ Greet **Priscilla** and **Aquila** my helpers in Christ Jesus:\

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Consequences

1 Corinthians 16 ...of the holy

²⁰ All the brethren greet you. **Greet ye one another with an holy kiss.**

Holy – NT:40 ἅγιος **hagios** (hag'-ee-os); from **hagos** (an awful thing) [compare NT:53, NT:2282]; sacred (physically, pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially, consecrated): **KJV** - (most) holy (one, thing), saint.

Kiss – NT:5370 φίλημα **philema** (fil'-ay-mah); from NT:5368; a kiss: **KJV** - kiss.

...from – NT:5368 φιλέω **phileo** (fil-eh'-o); from NT:5384; to be a friend to (fond of [an individual or an object]), i.e. have affection for (denoting personal attachment, as a matter of sentiment or feeling; while NT:25 is wider, embracing especially the judgment and the deliberate assent of the will as a matter of principle, duty and propriety: the two thus stand related very much as NT:2309 and NT:1014, or as NT:2372 and NT:3563 respectively; the former being chiefly of the heart and the latter of the head); specifically, to kiss (as a mark of tenderness): **KJV** - kiss, love.

Romans 16

¹⁶ Salute one another with an holy **kiss**. The churches of Christ salute you.

Psalm 85

¹⁰ **Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

2 Corinthians 13

¹² Greet one another with an holy **kiss**.

1 Thessalonians 5

²⁶ Greet all the brethren with an holy **kiss**.

1 Peter 5

¹⁴ Greet ye one another with a **kiss of charity**. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

1 Corinthians 16

²¹ The salutation of me Paul with mine own hand.

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1 Corinthians 16 ...of the unholy

²²**If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema**

Maranatha.

Anathema – NT:331 ἀνάθεμα **anathema** (an-ath'-em-ah); from NT:394; a (religious) ban or (concretely) excommunicated (thing or person):

KJV - accused, anathema, curse, ^xgreat.

Maranatha – NT:3134 μαράν ἰθά **maran atha** (mar'-an ath'-ah); of Aramaic origin (meaning our Lord has come); maranatha, i.e. an exclamation of the approaching divine judgment: **KJV** - Maran-atha.

1 Corinthians 16

²³**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.**

1 Corinthians 16

²⁴**My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.**