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“All Aboard!”

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Main Scripture: 1 Corinthians 16

Referenced Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, Malachi 3:10, 1 Corinthians 15:57, Psalm 40:1-2, Proverbs 16:9

OPEN:

1. What in particular spoke to you from Pastor Bob’s message?
2. In what way is God’s plan for His people to give? How is giving a matter of the heart rather than a matter of our checkbook? Since God does not need our money, what is it that he really wants from us through our giving?

DIG DEEPER:

1. What important principles does Paul teach in **1 Corinthians 16:2**, which simply cannot be ignored?
2. It has been said “courage is not the absence of fear, rather the mastery of it.” In what way does Paul’s admonishment in **1 Corinthians 16:13** support this description of courage? How can we apply Paul’s teaching from verse 13 to our giving?
3. When it comes to giving we encounter both *passions and priorities*. Explain.
4. When it comes to giving we will also encounter *planning and plotting*. Explain.
5. The adversaries, or critics, often show up when we do things that go against the grain of the world view, as Paul testifies in **1 Corinthians 16:9**. What are some of the *privileges and persecutions* that we can expect when it comes to our giving to the Lord?
6. **1 Corinthians 16:10-12** remind us that we need *partners and persistence* to do the work of the Lord, and in our giving. How have you learned this to be true?

REFLECT:

1. What has your own history of giving revealed about your faith, trust, heart and priorities?
2. What has hindered you from putting God first when it comes to your finances? What needs to change?

MEMORY VERSE:

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

“Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love.”

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