

## The Collection - cont.

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*From 2 Corinthians 8-9 we learn the collection was given...*

- **Graciously (8:1)** - “the grace of God”
- **Liberally (8:2-3)** – “the riches of their liberality”
- **Fraternally (8:4)** – “beseeching us”
- **Sacrificially (8:5)** – “they gave their own selves”
- **Sincerely (8:6-9)** – “the sincerity also of your love”
- **Readily (8:10-11)** – “the readiness to will”
- **Ably (8:11-12)** – “out of your ability”
- **Equally (8:13-15)** – “that there may be equality”
- **Wisely (8:16-24)** – “take thought for things honorable”
- **Promptly (9:1-5)** – “the same might be ready”
- **Bountifully (9:6)** – “he that sows bountifully”
- **Purposefully (9:7)** – “purposed in his heart”
- **Cheerfully (9:7)** – “God loves a cheerful giver”
- **Generously (9:8-10)** – “abound unto every good work”
- **Thankfully (9:11-15)** – “thanksgiving to God”

- Chris Reeves -

## Sentence Sermons

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- If God tells you to do something in the Bible, it is certainly *possible* for you to do it.
- When a local church quits struggling, it dies.
- One sure way to be a hypocrite is to say but not do.
- If you are not living with God here (earth), you will not be living with God there (heaven).

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# Worship Series: The Collection (Part 5a)

*Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I gave order to the churches of Galatia, so also do ye. Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come.*

*- 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 -*

We have been examining the basics of New Testament church worship over the past few weeks in the Warfield bulletin. With this article, I would like to look at the fifth and final act of worship - the collection. I will divide this study into two parts.

## Collection Basics

In the New Testament, individual Christians were ready to give of their money and possessions to help others in need (1 Timothy 6:17-19). Local churches as well gave to the needy (Acts 2:44-45). Let's examine the collection basics that we can learn from the New Testament.

The local church collection or contribution was an Apostolic "order," a command for each Christian. It was not for non-Christians (Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-37; 1 Corinthians 16:1).

The contribution was made on the

"first day of the week," Sunday (1 Corinthians 16:1-2).

The contribution was put into a common treasury (Acts 4:35, 37; 1 Cor. 16:1-2).

The contribution came from individual, free-will offerings, not from sales or businesses (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:7).



The contribution was given as each one prospered and purposed, not as a pre-determined "tithes" (1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 8:12; 9:7).

The contribution was an act of worship - "priestly service" - to God (Rom. 15:27; 2 Cor. 9:12; Phil. 4:18).

The contribution brought glory to God (2 Cor. 8:19; 9:11-15; giving begins with God, flows through His people, and re-

turns unto God).

The contribution was for the work of the local church only: evangelism (1 Corinthians 9:6-14; 2 Corinthians 11:8-9), benevolence (Acts 2:44-45; etc.), and edification (1 Timothy 5:17-18).

The contribution, when offered for benevolence by the whole church, was for needy saints only. It was not for non-Christians (Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-37; 11:29-30; Romans 15:26; 2 Corinthians 8:4; 9:1, 12).

***From 1 Corinthians 16:1-3 we learn the collection was...***

- **Prescribed** - "as I gave order to the churches..."
- **Patterned** - "so also do ye..."
- **Periodic** - "upon the first day of the week..."
- **Personal** - "let each one of you..."
- **Planned** - "lay by him in store..."
- **Proportioned** - "as he may prosper..."
- **Preventive** - "that no collections be made..."
- **Purposeful** - "carry your bounty unto Jerusalem..."

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