

1 CORINTHIANS | THE CHURCH ON MISSION

1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-12

Though it is important to visit the mountain tops, it is true (at least in this life) that we cannot live on the mountain tops. We must eventually get back to the daily grind. We spent several weeks in 1 Corinthians 15, studying the resurrection of Jesus and the theological truth that we will receive resurrected bodies at the rapture of the church. Our souls are immediately in the presence of the Lord if we die, however we will receive our new bodies in an instant at His coming in the clouds. If we are alive when He comes to receive His church, we will physically be changed immediately. Until then we are on mission for Christ. We are to be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord knowing our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58). For the mission to be accomplished we must have resources, orders, and co-workers. How does the church practically operate while staying on mission?

1. Generous _____ provides the _____ for the church to accomplish our mission. The church needs to practice great _____ while handling funds given for God's work. (15:1-4)
2. If we are to fulfill God's mission for us, we must _____ His will and follow His _____, above our _____. (15:5-9)
3. Many _____-_____ are necessary to faithfully carry out God's mission. Although we have different personalities and abilities, they must be _____ _____. (15:10-12)