

1 Corinthians 47 – 16:5-12

Plans to Come to Corinth

1. 16:5-7 – Paul’s Plans and the Lord

- a. Paul will pass through Macedonia, see the plan in Acts 19:21, 20:1-5
- b. Some denied that he will come, but he purposed to... 1 Cor 4:18-21
- c. Perhaps he never made it – 2 Cor 1:15-16, 1:23-24
- d. “if the Lord will”, “if the Lord permit”: perchance Paul ministering God’s will
 - i. This is not Calvinism nor the circumstance driven life
 - ii. The Lord told Paul where to go: Acts 9:11, 26:17
 - iii. Visions and revelations – Acts 16:6-7, 16:9-10, 18:9, Gal 2:2, 2 Cor 12:1
 - iv. Paul was told not to go, and he did - Acts 21:4, 11-13

2. 16:8 – Paul and Pentecost

- a. Why is he going to Pentecost? It is not God’s necessity: Gal 4:9-10, Col 2:16
- b. Of the law Paul was blameless – Phil 3:6, 2 Tim 1:3, Gal 1:14
- c. Paul had a vow that we don’t know much about – Acts 18:18
- d. Paul ministered to Jews and desires to save them – Rom 9:1-3, 1 Cor 9:19-20
- e. Paul becomes a Jew to the Jews – 1 Cor 9:20-23

3. 16:9 – Paul’s Open Doors

- a. An open door = opportunity; they don’t come by sitting around navel gazing
- b. An “open door” is not the easiest or convenient path – 1 Cor 16:5-9 (Mat 26:39)
- c. Paul has an open door and goes a different way – 2 Cor 2:12-13
- d. Paul’s alternative to an open door is a closed one, not the window – 2 Thess 3:1-2
- e. “Lord willing” – it comes from James 4:14-15; it speaks of doing the will of God
- f. Col 4:2 - Paul prays for the opportunity, not a wish, God stamp, cross your heart
- g. This door is described in Acts 19:8, 17-22 as are the adversaries (1 Cor 15:32)

4. 16:10-12 – Timothy and Apollos

- a. Timothy was sent throughout Macedonia – 1 Thess 3:2, Phil 2:19
- b. The fear was of bad behavior (strifes, divisions)– 2 Cor 12:20 rather than Phil 2:12
- c. Which included intimidating Timothy – 1 Tim 4:12, 2 Tim 1:6-8, 2 Tim 2:15
- d. Shame comes by performing ministry by reputation/popularity – 2 Tim 1:12-13
- e. Apollos knew only the baptism of John, and was updated – Acts 18:24
- f. Apollos had appeal to the Jews – Acts 18:13, 28 (Paul’s heart was for this)
- g. Apollos was a coworker, but was not the apostle to Gentiles Rom 11:13, 1Cor 9:17
- h. It was wrong to teach prophecy where mystery was taught - Gal 2:11, 1 Tim 1:3
- i. Paul had no power to send Apollos where he did not want to go.