

THE CONTRIBUTION
I Cor 16:1-2

- I. Giving is both a command and a privilege.
 - A. We have the opportunity to prove our love to God.
 - B. We have a chance to spread His cause.
 - C. We have a chance to obey a biblical command.
 - D. We have a chance to help out the needy saints.

- II. Giving is a part of our Lord's Day worship. I Cor 16:1-2
 - A. Upon first day of the week.
 - B. Saint meet to commune on first day of week. Acts 20:7

- III. When are we to give?
 - A. Lord's Day. I Cor 16:2
 - B. Text literally means: "every 'one' of the week."
 - C. Phrase begins with "kata" in Greek denoting every Lord's Day.

- IV. Who is commanded to give?
 - A. Every one of you. ie: every Christian. I Cor 16:2
 - B. All Christians have command to worship and give.

- V. What procedures must be followed?
 - A. Collection taken in church assembly else why specify a certain day?
 - B. If collection taken at home, as some assert, then any day would do.
 - C. "Lay by in store" = Gk: thesaurizoon = lit. put into the treasury.
 - D. "By him" = neuter reflexive may also be translated "by itself."
 - E. Phrase denote putting money in a common treasury.
 - F. So Paul would not have to take up a collection when he came.
 - G. Thus we know that one had already been taken. ie: a common fund.

- VI. What attitude should be have when we give?
 - A. Cheerful and happily. II Cor 9:7
 - B. First give self to Lord. II Cor 8:5
 - C. Bountifully. II Cor 9:6
 - D. Readily. II Cor 8:11

- VII. How much are we to give?
 - A. As we have been prospered. I Cor 16:2
 - B. Means we have to plan ahead and decide.
 - C. God should not get the left-overs.
 - D. Giving not designed to put us in poverty. II Cor 8:13
 - E. New Testament doesn't require tithing but should set a standard.
 - F. As purposed and decided in our minds. II Cor 9:7
 - G. Not till it hurts but until it feels good.
 - H. If income goes up then so should our giving.