

How the Immortal, Glorious and Victorious Invest

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With a 1 Corinthians 15 perspective on their futures the immortal, glorious and victorious invest time and money in ...

1. people with needs a long way away

1 Corinthians 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also.

² On the first day of every week let each one of you put aside and save, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come.

³ And when I arrive, whomever you may approve, I shall send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem;

⁴ and if it is fitting for me to go also, they will go with me.

2. people who are messed up

⁵ But I shall come to you after I go through Macedonia, for I am going through Macedonia;

⁶ and perhaps I shall stay with you, or even spend the winter, that you may send me on my way wherever I may go.

⁷ For I do not wish to see you now *just* in passing; for I hope to remain with you for some time, if the Lord permits.

3. people who don't like them

⁸ But I shall remain in Ephesus until Pentecost;

⁹ for a wide door for effective *service* has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

and they encourage their friends and family to make the same investments

¹⁰ Now if Timothy comes, see that he is with you without cause to be afraid; for he is doing the Lord's work, as I also am.

¹¹ Let no one therefore despise him. But send him on his way in peace, so that he may come to me; for I expect him with the brethren.

¹² But concerning Apollos our brother, I encouraged him greatly to come to you with the brethren; and it was not at all *his* desire to come now, but he will come when he has opportunity.



How the Immortal, Glorious and Victorious Live

1. ¹³ **Be on the alert,**
2. **stand firm in the faith,**
3. **act like men,**
4. **be strong.**
5. ¹⁴ **Let all that you do be done in love.**
6. ¹⁵ Now I urge you, brethren (you know the household of Stephanas, that they were the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves for ministry to the saints),
¹⁶ that you also **be in subjection to such men** and to everyone who helps in the work and labors.
7. ¹⁷ And I rejoice over the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus; because they have supplied what was lacking on your part.
¹⁸ For they have refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore **acknowledge such men.**
8. ¹⁹ The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Prisca greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.
²⁰ All the brethren greet you. **Greet one another with a holy kiss.**
²¹ The greeting is in my own hand-- Paul.
²² If anyone does not love the Lord, let him be accursed. Maranatha.
²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.
²⁴ My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.