

1ST CORINTHIANS

PART FOUR: GOSPEL POWER

Part 4, Week 5: The When, Who, What, & Why of Giving

In the final chapter of 1 Corinthians, Paul gives his typical salutation, acknowledging people and churches that have been a blessing to his ministry. But before he gets to that, he gives one final instruction around “the collection.” If anything has caused consternation in the church, it’s this issue. Money is an unpopular topic. But Paul doesn’t avoid it, nor does he apologize for it. Money is required for the church to do ministry, so giving has to be a part of every believer’s financial portfolio.

Discussion Questions:

1. Name a time when you had buyer’s remorse. What did you buy and why did you regret it?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-4. Why do you think people dislike talking about money in church?
3. Paul says each of us should participate in the collection (i.e. offering). Has this been a struggle for you personally, either now or in the past? Explain. How did you overcome it?
4. The CSB uses the term “prospering” instead of “income.” What does it mean to prosper? Why do we often feel like we aren’t prospering?
5. Why is giving important in the life of the church? In the life of the believer?
6. How we view money is usually the last thing to change in the life of a disciple. It’s difficult to let go. Describe your own journey with giving. What have you learned? How has God blessed your faithfulness and obedience in this area?
7. What’s your biggest takeaway from this section and what has it challenged you to rethink or do differently?
8. For the really ambitious...what’s your biggest takeaway from this series and how has it helped you grow in your relationship with God and with Center Pointe as a church?