



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, I pray that everything we do will be done in love. Led and guide each of us how to be good stewards/servants of what You have given us. Fill each of us with Your will for this day and plans. Supply all our needs to do the task and to enable us to be Your hands and feet. Give each one peace. Protect each of us and our families and led us in the right pathway, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Worship Music

[Tears Will Not Stain The Streets-Ricky Van Shelton](#)

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[You Light Up My Life-Leanna Rimes](#)

Scripture

13 Watch you, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. 14 Let all your things be done with charity.

15 I beseech you, brothers, (you know the house of Stephanas, that it is the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,) 16 That you submit yourselves to such, and to every one that helps with us, and labors.

17 I am glad of the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied. 18 For they have refreshed my spirit and your's: therefore acknowledge you them that are such.

1 Corin. 16:13-18

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The Collection:(vv.1-4) This was a collection for the poor saints in Jerusalem (2 Corinthians 8:10). Paul's instruction to the churches in Galatia (v. 1) is not mentioned in the Galatian epistle. Paul must have written them another letter that has not been preserved. The first day of the week (v. 2) was the established day for Christian worship (Acts 20:7).

Paul's plans (vv. 5-9). This was the spring of A.D. 57, before Pentecost (v. 8). He spent the summer in Macedonia, from where he wrote 2 Corinthians. He arrived in Corinth in the fall and stayed there for the winter. He wrote the epistle to the Romans that winter and set out for Jerusalem the following spring.

Apollos (v. 12). They probably had asked Apollos to come to Corinth, but he refused to go at the time, no doubt because certain Corinthians were determined to make him a party leader.

My own hand (v. 21). Sosthenes, a Corinthian who had gone to Ephesus, probably wrote down this epistle from Paul's dictation (1:1; Acts 18:17). Then Paul signed I with his own hand (v. 21) and added the Aramaic words *Maranatha* (v. 22), which means "Come, O Lord."

(Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history and commentaries; page 788)

(v. 2) This verse indicates that the Church was meeting on the first day of the week. Paul wanted all the offerings to be taken before he arrived in Corinth.

(vv. 6-7) Paul was very flexible about his plans for the months ahead so he could be subject to leading of the Lord.

(vv. 8-9) Paul wanted to stay in Ephesus for awhile, because there was strong opposition to the Gospel there.

(vv. 10-11) Paul asked the Corinthians to accept Timothy and his teaching without intimidating him.

(vv. 13-18) Paul admonishes; "Be alert and on your guard; stand firm in your faith (your conviction respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, keeping the trust and holy fervor born of faith and part of it). Act like men and be courageous; grow in strength! [Psalm 31:24] Let every thing you do be done in love (true love to God and man as inspired by God's love for us). Paul states in (v. 15) how the household of Stephanas was the first converts and his family, and he spoke of the first fruits in Achaia (most of Greece), and how they have consecrated and devoted themselves to the service of the saints (God's people). Paul urges them to pay all deference to such leaders and to enlist under them and be subject to them, as wee as to everyone who joins and cooperates [with you] and labors earnestly. Paul talks how he is happy that Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus have come [to me], for they have made up for your absence. For they gave me respite from labor and rested me and refreshed y spirit as well as yours. Deeply appreciate and thoroughly know and fully recognize such men. (true...even today....how many people do it unto the Lord, never ask for any recognition and just serve? Still....yes they are humble and want NO recognition, but to encourage them people should thank the people whom serve; the person whom sweeps the floor, the woman whom watches the kids (not a easy task with 20-30 kids), the person whom mows the grass, the person whom picks up the trash....etc., etc....have you told them thank you?? Pastors are not the only persons whom serve, so we need to thank them in love, because we are all one family with many parts, with out the persons whom do these tasks.....than services could not be held....and that is their calling...so thank them) (The doctors used to ask me, how do you have so much success with patients....I go simple I treat every one of them like this is there castle while they are here (the hospital room).....so as a result and I was a nurse aide at the time....the doctors had me train the interns and residents....bedside manners.....unheard of for a nurse aide..they also had me show them how to have a conversation with patients as in visiting...and several docs would ask me to get info from a patient when they could not....so that they could better treat the patient.....treat everyone like they have something special and watch the response....)

(v 19) Aquila and Priscilla met Paul when he first came to Corinth. They were among the first converts there and opened their home for Bible studies.

Paul closes with these statements; "If anyone does not love the Lord [does not have a friendly affection for Him and is not kindly disposed toward Him], he shall be accursed! Our Lord will come! (*Maranatha!*)....he goes on to say The grace (favor and spiritual blessing) of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Than he states his love for them.

(New Testament Study Guide; Chuck Smith, 2005; commentaries; page 88-89; and study questions)

(KJV Bible; scriptureAmplified Bible; 2005; scripture, notes, commentaries; Joyce Meyers; pages 1879-1880)

STUDY QUESTIONS FOR 1ST CORINTHIANS

1. Why do unbelievers think the things of the Spirit are foolishness? (See 1 Corin. 2:14)

2. According to 1 Corin. 6:19-20m why should we honor God in our body and in our spirit?

3. Temptation itself is not a sin; it is when we give into it that it becomes sin. What does 1 Corin. 10:13 say God will do to help us while facing temptations?

4. We see in 1 Corin. 12 that there are many gifts of the Spirit. But those gifts are nothing if we don't exercise them in love. Give a definition of agape love as found in 1 Corin. 13:4-8.

5. Paul teaches in 1 Corin. 10 that the experiences of the children of Israel were examples for us. Which one of these lessons in verses 6-10 can apply to your life today and why?

Psa 119:105

**Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.**



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