

# 1 Corinthians 16:1-4

Collection for the Saints



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- **\$2,220 Networth = Richer than half the world**
- **\$34,000/ year = 1 Percent of global income**
- **Average income in Uganda \$130/ month**
- **Average income in Romania \$645/ month**
- **Cost of Healthcare and Education**

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Now at this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and *began* to indicate by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine all over the world. And this took place in the *reign* of Claudius.

Acts 11:27-28



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But now, I am going to Jerusalem serving the saints. For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem. Yes, they were pleased *to do so*, and they are indebted to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted to minister to them also in material things.

Romans 15:25-27



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When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

Galatians 2:11-13



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## Principles to give by...

Sacrifice - 2 Samuel 24:24

Heart - 2 Cor 9:6-7

Submission - 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

Stewardship - Matthew 25:14-30

Fellowship - Romans 15:26

Firstfruit - Proverbs 3:9

Investment – 1 Timothy 6:17-19



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- **Sacrifice**

However, the king said to Araunah, “No, but I will surely buy *it* from you for a price, for I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God [which cost me nothing.” So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

2 Samuel 24:24

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- Heart

Now this *I say*, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one *must do* just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

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- **Submission**

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

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- **Submission**

For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

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- **Firstfruit**

Honor the LORD with your wealth  
and with the firstfruits of all your produce

Proverbs 3:9



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## • Investment



As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the **uncertainty of riches**, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

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## Practical ways to give...

Giving to our church

Giving to missionaries

Giving to the poor

Giving to saints in need

Giving to charity

**Giving our resources and time**



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# ALICE'S RESTAURANT



For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some **contribution** for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem.

Romans 15:26



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