

"God's Love Letter To an Unlovely Church"  
"Now Concerning the Offering"  
*1 Corinthians 16:1-4*

Driven by joyful obedience, our giving should be regular, purposeful and proportional

1. Who? - The Members

*each of you* – why is this needed? *1 Timothy 6:17-19*

2. How?

Regularly - *On the first day of every week* –

Purposefully – *to put something aside and store it up* -

Proportionately - *as he may prosper*-

Paul does not give an amount but a principle

How for the Church

Responsibly Accountable - *3 And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. 4 If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.*

There must be an accountability structure and checks and balances

Non-Coercive

*so that there will be no collecting when I come*

3. Why? - Joyfully Obediently

This sounds contradictory yet here Paul uses the Imperative Mood

*as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do...each of you is to put something aside*

John 14:15

What is the answer?

Paul's use of other words

*Romans 6:17 "obedient from the heart"*

***2 Corinthians 8:9 – How much did Jesus give?***