

WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE ARE IN NEED 1 COR. 16:1-4

What do we do / what should we do when God's people are in need?

I. God's people give!

1 Corinthians 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, **even so do ye.**

This is more or less an assumption:

Acts 11:27 And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch. **Acts 11:28** And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

Acts 11:29 Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea: **Acts 11:30** Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Romans 15:25 But now I go unto Jerusalem **to minister unto the saints.** **Romans 15:26** For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.

Romans 15:27 It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things. **Romans 15:28** When therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spain.

See also: 2 Cor. 8-9

II. God's people give carefully &/ cautiously.

1 Corinthians 16:3 And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem. **1 Corinthians 16:4** And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me.

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No caution	Cautious / careful	Hyper- vigilant /cautious
Don't know anything about the money	Know the needs &/ the needy people	Since I can't know everyone and everything – I do nothing
From TV/ Facebook!!!	We know the middle men / the men who channel the money	

Ezra 8:21 Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance. **Ezra 8:22** For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God *is* upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath *is* against all them that forsake him. **Ezra 8:23** **So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was intreated of us.**

Ezra 8:24 Then I separated twelve of the chief of the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them, **Ezra 8:25** **And weighed unto them** the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, *even* the offering of the house of our God, which the king, and his counsellors, and his lords, and all Israel *there* present, had

offered: **Ezra 8:26** I even **weighed** unto their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels an hundred talents, ***and*** of gold an hundred talents; **Ezra 8:27** Also twenty basons of gold, of a thousand drams; and two vessels of fine copper, precious as gold. **Ezra 8:28** And I said unto them, Ye ***are*** holy unto the LORD; the vessels ***are*** holy also; and the silver and the gold ***are*** a freewill offering unto the LORD God of your fathers. **Ezra 8:29** **Watch** ye, and **keep** ***them***, until ye weigh ***them*** before the chief of the priests and the Levites, and chief of the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the LORD. **Ezra 8:30** So **took** the priests and the Levites **the weight** of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring ***them*** to Jerusalem unto the house of our God.

Ezra 8:31 Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth *day* of the first month, to go unto Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way. **Ezra 8:32** And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days. **Ezra 8:33** Now on the **fourth day** was the silver and the gold and the vessels **weighed** in the house of our God by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest; and with him *was* Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them *was* Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, Levites; **Ezra 8:34** By **number** ***and*** by **weight** of every one: and ***all*** the **weight** was written at that time.