

# 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.