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**Jewish converts under severe persecution, worsened by the widespread famine.**

Was this collection focused on *only* the church at Corinth? 16:1; **Rom.15:26**; **IICor.8:1-5**

**No. Paul was collecting this gift from all the Gentile churches in Macedonia and Achaia.**

In addition to the Jew's material needs, what else was Paul accomplishing? **Rom.15:25-29**

**They (Gentiles) shared spiritual things from Jews. It's only right to reciprocate!**

What is the *primary purpose* of NT giving? **IICor.8:4, 9:12-15**; **Gal.6:10**

**It is to supply the needs of the saints! Primarily to believers, especially in your church.**

What's the application today for this principle? **Rom.15:27**; **ITim.5:17-18**

**Believers are obligated to materially support those who spiritually nurture/train us!**

What is the '*when*', '*who*', and '*amount*' for a believer's giving? 16:2; see **Lu.6:38**

**On first day (Sunday), every one of you, give (set aside) a sum in step w/your income.**

Is our giving, as a believer, really important? **Lu.16:10-11**; **IICor.9:6-12**; **Lu.12:34**

**Absolutely! It's first gratitude/worship to our Lord, then love to our brethren in Christ.**

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**No high pressure collection. Money was handled by best men approved by the church.**

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**He plans to spend extended time w/Corinth, but now is heading to Ephesus/open door!**

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**He had plans, wanted certain things, but was always subject to the Lord's will.**

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**Timothy was young and timid. Don't berate him! He's doing the Lord's work. Respect!**