

AND YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS

A Study of First Corinthians

WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD

1 Corinthians 16:5-24 Jeff Schreve

*Now if Timothy comes, see that he is with you without cause to be afraid; **for he is doing the Lord's work, as I also am.***

1 Corinthians 16:10

What do we need to know about doing the Lord's work?

1. The Lord's work is led by the Lord.

*For I do not wish to see you now just in passing; for I hope to remain with you for some time, **if the Lord permits.** 1 Corinthians 16:7*

And they passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia; and when they had come to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them; and passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.

Acts 16:6-8

* We must spend quiet time with God to hear His voice.

2. The Lord's work is going through open doors.

But I shall remain in Ephesus until Pentecost; for a wide door for effective service has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

1 Corinthians 16:8-9

A. God's open doors are evidenced by effectiveness.

And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of all; and they counted up the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing. Acts 19:19-20

B. God's open doors are evidenced by opposition.

Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. 1 Corinthians 16:13

3. The Lord's work is done in love.

Let all that you do be done in love. 1 Corinthians 16:14

* We must be balanced with truth and love.

All the paths of the LORD are lovingkindness and truth To those who keep His covenant and His testimonies. Psalm 25:10

4. The Lord's work is laboring with all your heart and soul.

*Now I urge you, brethren (you know the household of Stephanas, that they were the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have **devoted themselves for ministry to the saints**), that you also be in subjection to such men and to **everyone who helps in the work and labors**.
1 Corinthians 16:15-16*

A. God never said it would be easy.

B. God only said it would be worth it.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58

Are YOU doing the Lord's work the Lord's way?