

INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

1 Corinthians 16:1-24

Summary: Paul lifts our eyes from ourselves and sets them on the international church. Local churches, although 'independent', operate 'in dependence' on each another.

Introduction

Sin has a big 'I' in the middle. We make life all about me. The cultural air we breathe is anti-authoritarian and individualistic. This chapter is a tonic!

Money (vs1-4)

Principles of giving:

- Everyone
- Consistent
- Proportional

Mission / Ministry (vs5-18)

Different missionary / ministry plans:

- Paul (vs5-9)
- Timothy (vs10-11)
- Apollos (v12)
- Stephanas (vs15-18)

'If hearers were better, sermons would be better.' – Spurgeon

Mutual Encouragement (v19-24)

Question

1 Corinthians 16:13-14, *"Be on your guard: stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love."* How can I put these verses into practice?