

QUIT YOU LIKE MEN

1 CORINTHIANS 16

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Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

Introduction:

Corinth, the most important city in Greece during Paul's day, was a bustling hub of worldwide commerce, degraded culture, and idolatrous religion. It was here that Paul planted a church.

Acts 18:1-17

After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; [2] And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. [3] And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers. [4] And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks. [5] And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ. [6] And

when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

[7] And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue. [8] And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized. [9] Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: [10] For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city. [11] And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

[12] And when Gallio was the deputy of Achaia, the Jews made insurrection with one accord against Paul, and brought him to the judgment seat, [13] Saying, This fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law. [14] And when Paul was now about to open his mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews, If it were a matter of wrong or wicked lewdness, O ye Jews, reason would that I should bear with you: [15] But if it be a question of words and names, and of your law, look ye to it; for I will be no judge of such matters. [16] And he drave them from the judgment seat. [17] Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes, the chief ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgment seat. And Gallio cared for none of those things.

This letter deals with the problem of carnality in the individuals as well as the church.

Paul deals or addresses three different concerns:

1. Division in the church - Report of and Reasons for.
 2. Disorder in the church - Deviant behavior, Litigation, & Immorality
 3. Difficulties in the church - Marriage, Idols, Public worship, Resurrection, Collections or offerings.
- Paul in closing this letter draws all that he has dealt with together.

It is this closing of this letter that we will consider.

1. DESIRE

A. Funds (vs 1-4)

B. Fellowship (vs 5-7)

2. DEVOTION (VS 8-9)

A. Opportunity

A great door or opportunity was opened.

B. Adversaries

With every opportunity there will be adversaries.

3. DIRECTIONS

A. The Man (vs 10-11)

B The Men (13-14)

- Watch
- Stand fast in the faith
- Quit (Act) you like men
- Be strong
- Let all things be done with charity or love
- Be addicted to the ministry, or the things of God.

Paul final words of instruction was “If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema or accursed.

Close:

To what degree or depth is our love for the Lord Jesus Christ?

For such a time as this