

Take Care of Them

I. My Plan (1-9)

Resources and relationships, as well as opportunity and opposition, are in the wise gospel worker's plans.

II. My Team (10-18)

The church should support the gospel message and worker with their faith, humility, and love.

III. My Blessing (19-24)

Love for Christ and His people should characterize the church.

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

1. Can you think of an example in which a gospel worker planned poorly, or well, or a church supported a gospel worker poorly, or well? What happened?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-4. What principles do you see for guiding a Christian's giving?

Do you find any of these helpful or challenging to your giving? Explain.

3. In verses 5-9 Paul gives the Corinthians his rough plans. What are they?

What stands out to you as important in these plans?

Do you see any example in how he planned that would be helpful to you in your planning? Explain.

4. Read 1 Corinthians 16:10-18. In what ways does Paul commend, and show care, for gospel workers?

What are some ways you could follow Paul's example of commending and caring for gospel workers at MBC? (Think of others and not just pastors)

5. What are Paul's exhortations to the church in verses 13 & 14?

Which of these is most challenging for you? Why?

6. Despite the hurtful and frustrating conduct of the Corinthian church, Paul closes this letter with greetings and a blessing. What helps us turn negative thoughts and feelings toward someone into well-wishes like it did for Paul?

Do you have an example of a success, or a current struggle in this?

7. How will you ask your group to pray for you this week?