

1. Paul wraps up his letter with a hodge-podge of instructions and encouragements for the Corinthians. What are Paul's concerns for Timothy's visit with them according to verse 10?
2. Why did Paul think Timothy might be afraid during his time with the Corinthians? See verse 11.
3. What did Paul understand about Timothy's weaknesses, even though Timothy was a tireless, devoted, and self-sacrificing servant of Jesus Christ? See 1 Timothy 4:12; 2 Timothy 1:7-8; 2:1.

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4. What reason does Paul give in verse 10 about why the Corinthians should respond to Timothy lovingly?
5. Apollos was another pastor who was well-known to the Corinthians (see Acts 19:1; 1 Corinthians 3:5-6). What promise did Paul extract from Apollos concerning the Corinthians? See verse 12.
6. In the midst of Paul's instructions concerning the pastors who would come to minister to them, Paul takes a moment to pen the Corinthians' some words of encouragement as well. What does he tell them in verses 13-14?

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7. How can you be *on the alert* spiritually (from verse 13)? See Ephesians 6:13-18; 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11; 1 Peter 4:7; 5:8.
8. What kinds of things tend to dull your spiritual senses? How can you be on guard against those things?
9. What kinds of things help us to *stand firm in the faith* (from verse 13)? See Galatians 5:1; Philippians 1:27-28; Colossians 1:23; 4:12; 2 Thessalonians 2:15.

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10. How are you making use of those blessings so that you, too, will remain firm in the faith?
11. What does Paul mean when he urges all believers to *act like men* regarding their walk? What character qualities does he want to see lived out in every believer's life? See 1 Corinthians 9:25-27; 14:20; 1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Timothy 2:3-5.
12. The Scriptures are full of admonitions to be *strong in the Lord*. Which of the following verses encourages you the most and why? See Joshua 1:9; Psalm 27:14; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10; Ephesians 3:16; 6:10; Philippians 4:13; 2 Timothy 2:1.

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13. Verse 14 contains a crucial encouragement for every believer to employ. What are we to do? Why is it so important?

14. Since 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 defines love, rewrite verse 14 using the qualities listed from 1 Corinthians 13. Ouch!

15. What does Paul urge the Corinthians to do in verses 15-16? What reasons are given for showing special favor to these fellow believers?

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16. Not only were these men a blessing to the believers, but they greatly encouraged Paul as well. Some of the ways they ministered to Paul are revealed in verse 17. What do you learn?
17. What a difference you can make in the growth of the kingdom of Christ when you take the time to encourage and refresh the hearts of those who labor in the ministry. How can you minister to the pastors, leaders, and their families to help them press on in their work?
18. Verses 19-24 contain Paul's final words to the Corinthians in this letter. What one comment catches your attention? Why?

19. First Corinthians cuts a wide swath by covering so much material. What things stand out to you from your study of Chapters 9-16 this year?
20. What have you learned about God's character, salvation, and the Christian life this year?

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ has in it all that is good, for time and for eternity. To wish that our friends may have this grace with them, is wishing them the utmost good. And this we should wish all our friends and brethren in Christ. We can wish them nothing greater, and we should wish them nothing less. True Christianity makes us wish those whom we love, the blessings of both worlds; this is meant in wishing the grace of Christ to be with them." ~Matthew Henry¹

The Grace Of The Lord Jesus Be With You.

¹Matthew Henry and Thomas Scott, *Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary* (Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, 1997), 1 Co 16:19.