

Plans and Partners

1 Corinthians 16:5-24

* Principles for Making Plans as Followers of Christ (*v. 16:5-9*)

- A follower of Christ should make plans based on an assessment of kingdom opportunities.
- A follower of Christ should make plans that are held loosely.
- A follower of Christ should make plans that recognizes adversity as a reality.

* Timeless Truths (*T.T.*) from Working with Ministry Partners (*16:10-24*)

- Timothy: *v. 10-11*

The spiritual son of Paul. Replace Paul at Ephesus.

T.T.: Young leaders need encouragement to not shrink back.

- Apollos: *v. 12*

Known for his eloquent speech. Followed Paul at Corinth.

Encouraged to come to Corinth, but his decision was to wait.

T.T.: Wisdom involves doing the right thing at the right time.

- Stephanas, Fortunatus, Achaicus: *v. 15-18*

First converts who became devoted servants and refreshing co-laborers.

T.T.: Those who serve well deserve appreciative recognition.

- Aquila and Priscilla: *v. 19*

Co-workers in planting the church at Corinth.

Their home was a place of ministry at Corinth, Ephesus, and Rome.

T.T.: The home is meant to be a place of warm welcome, supportive fellowship, and disciple-making.