

15:57 *Thanks Be to God*

Grace Given When Unworthy.

Augustine: The crown could not have been given to one who was worthy of it, unless grace had been given to him when still unworthy. Proceedings of Pelagius 35.49

15:58 *Abounding in the Lord's Work*

Labor Abundantly in the Lord.

Chrysostom: We ought not merely to labor in the Lord but to do so abundantly, to overflowing. The labor of man after his expulsion from paradise was punishment for his transgressions, but this labor is the basis⁵¹ for the rewards which are to come. Homilies on the Epistles of Paul to the Corinthians 42.5.52

16:1 *The Contribution*

The Galatian Contribution.

Chrysostom: Paul encourages the Corinthians by mentioning the Galatians, because they would surely be ashamed to be found inferior to such provincials. Homilies on the Epistles of Paul to the Corinthians 43.1.1

16:2 *Put Something Aside*

For the Lord's Day.

Chrysostom: The day itself was enough to encourage them to give alms. For the Lord's day was the day on which we received all the blessings which we now have. It is the root and the beginning of our new life in Christ. This is not the only reason that it is suitable for almsgiving, however. It is also the day of rest, when our souls can relax from their toils and open themselves to show pity. Moreover, participation in Holy Communion on that day instills great zeal in us. Homilies on the Epistles of Paul to the Corinthians 43.2.2

16:3 *Carrying the Gift to Jerusalem*

Those Accredited.

Chrysostom: Paul leaves it up to the Corinthians to choose the carriers of his message, so as to avoid showing any partiality. Homilies on the Epistles of Paul to the Corinthians 43.4.4

16:4 *Accompanying Paul*

16:5–6 *Passing Through Macedonia*

16:7 *Spending Time with Them*

16:8 *In Ephesus Until Pentecost*

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Didymus the Blind: Paul wrote this letter from Ephesus. Pauline Commentary from the Greek Church.3