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## A Culture Of Confusion: A Study In 1 Corinthians

"Giving 101 "

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1 Corinthians 16:1-4

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Introduction: After many weeks we have come to the final chapter of 1 Corinthians.

1. We've covered a lot of ground, and even in this last chapter Paul will address several more issues.
2. The first is in the area of giving.
3. As followers of Jesus, we are called to be stewards.
  - Everything we have, everything we are, everything we will ever be, belongs to God.
  - He has given us incredible freedom in Christ.
  - We should manage His resource with His best interest in mind.
4. In contrast, we live in a materialistic culture that calls us to put ourselves first.
5. As I see it, we are left with three possible choices:
  - Slavery
  - Selfishness
  - Stewardship
6. In Paul's teaching we learn how we can be good stewards in the area of giving.

### I. The Basis Of Biblical Giving

- A. A Legitimate Need
- B. Spiritual Responsibility

### II. The Pattern Of Biblical Giving

- A. Systematic
- B. Personal
- C. Proportionate
- D. Provisional

### III. The Integrity Of Biblical Giving

- A. Accountability
- B. Propriety (Appearance Of Evil)

Conclusion: I really don't like to talk about giving ... I don't want to reinforce erroneous ideas about the church.

1. There are times when it is necessary.
2. The answer to erroneous thinking is correct teaching.
3. If God's people do not support God's work, that work will be handicapped.
4. Here at Prescott, we have been blessed by your obedience.
5. But let us not grow careless.
6. Instead, let this serve as a reminder to continue to be faithful!