
A Culture Of Confusion: A Study In 1 Corinthians

“Getting In The Game ”

1 Corinthians 16:5-12

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Introduction: As we come to 1 Corinthians this morning, Paul has addressed the different questions the Corinthians had asked and all the problems he was aware of. So, he begins to close his letter.

1. In doing so, he shares his projected itinerary.
2. But embedded within that itinerary are some valuable lessons.
3. Before we proceed, let’s remind ourselves of God’s plan for His church.
4. We exist to serve God:
 - The spiritual leaders equip the saints.
 - This allows the saints to serve effectively.
 - To build up the body of Christ.
5. Far too many saints see themselves as spectators when God intends us to be in the game.
6. As Paul shares his itinerary, we’ll learn some valuable lessons that will help us get in the game!

I. Ministry Should Be Intentional/Planned

A. Paul’s Activity

B. Paul’s Agenda

II. Ministry Should Be Personal

A. Intimacy

B. Reciprocity

III. Ministry Is Submissive

A. To Do God’s Will

B. To Divine Opportunity

IV. Ministry Needs Partners

A. Timothy

B. Apollos

Conclusion: We exist to serve God!

1. That means we all should be in the game!
2. Are you? Would you like to be?
3. These guidelines can help you get in, stay in, and improve your game!