



Stand Strong | 1 Corinthians 16:5-18

1. Share your thoughts and feelings about entering into a New Year. Do you love or loathe New Year? What hopes and expectations do you have for 2025?
2. What do Paul's travel plans reveal about his commitment to ministry and his relationship with the churches he serves? How does Paul balance his personal desires with his recognition of God's will?
3. Why does Paul urge the Corinthians to make Timothy feel at ease? What does this suggest about the challenges young or less experienced leaders might face? Who are the Timothy's we can encourage at CBC both as disciples and leaders?
4. How does Paul demonstrate respect for Apollos' decision not to visit immediately? Speculate: what might be going on in Apollo's world which prevents travel?
5. Paul gives five imperatives in verses 13-14. Discuss how these principles empower faithful living and how might they apply to your walk with Jesus today?
6. Why do you think Paul emphasizes love as the guiding principle for all actions? How can this shape our interactions within the church and beyond?
7. What does Paul commend about Stephanas and his household? How does their example serve as a model for serving the church? How does Paul encourage the Corinthians to treat those who devote themselves to ministry? How does this align with how you support leaders in your church?
8. Paul mentions that Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus have refreshed his spirit. How can you be a source of encouragement and refreshment during a year with will be challenging for those called to lead?
9. What does this passage teach about partnerships in ministry and the importance of Body ministry?
10. In what ways can we balance planning for the future with sensitivity to God's leading, as Paul demonstrates in this chapter?



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?

