

GENEROUS LIVING

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I. 1 Cor 16:1-4

- A. **Collection** - *logeia* - The act of collecting contributions given involving a voluntary response
- B. **Given orders** - *diatasso* - To arrange thoroughly in a particular manner; to plan.
- C. **Storing up** - *thesaurizo* - To reserve, keep safe, treasure up that which is of great value!
- D. **Prosper** - *euodoo* - To succeed in reaching; To be successful in acquiring profit or gain; to gain in business or by work.
 - 1. *eu* - Good, well
 - 2. *hodos* - A road, progress, journey

II. Tithe

- A. **Gen 2:15** - Where does tithing start? Is it part of the Law?
 - 1. Tithing did not begin with the Law of Moses, goes back to the garden of Eden 2,500 yrs before Law; You can have any of those trees but not that one.
- B. **Gen 28:22** – Jacob makes a vow – 400 yrs before Law
 - 1. **Gen 28:22** 22 “...of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You.”
- C. **Lev 27:30** 30 And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord’s. It is holy to the Lord.
- D. **Luke 11:42** 42 "But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.
- E. **Exodus 13:1-2, 11-16 – First things first**
 - 1. The first born either had to be sacrificed or redeemed.
 - 2. **John 1:29** 29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"
 - 3. **Col 1:15** 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.
 - 4. **Rom 8:29** 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.
 - a) **Eph 2:3-5** – Were
 - b) **2 Peter 1:3-4** – Partakers of Divine nature
 - 5. He was a firstfruits offering, Jesus was God’s tithe.
 - a) **Rom 5:8** 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- F. **Firstfruits as well as firstborn**

