



“Antagonists”

Waylaying the Work
I Corinthians 16:10-16

Ministry is disrupted when we:

I. **Despise** – “Let no man therefore despise him” (vs. 10-11)

Disregarding the servant’s:

- A. **Work** – “for he works the work of the Lord”
- B. **Well-being** – “conduct him forth with peace”
- C. **Welcome** – “for I look for him with the brethren”

II. **Demand** - “his will was not at all to come” (vs. 12-14)

Demonstrating a lack of:

- A. **Patience** – “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith”
- B. **Perseverance** – “quit you like men”
- C. **Pity** – “Let all things be done with charity”

III. **Disregard** – “I beseech you, brethren” (vs. 15-16)

Demeaning the servant’s:

- A. **Love** - “addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints”
- B. **Leadership** – “that ye submit yourselves unto such”
- C. **Labor** – “to every one who helps with us, and labors”

Sentence Sermon

“Ministry thrives in an environment where every individual, their wellbeing, and contributions are valued.”

Additional Verses

- **I Corinthians 15:58**
- **Matthew 23:11**
- **Psalm 27:14**
- **Philippians 2:19-24**
- **I Timothy 4:12**
- **II Timothy 1:7-8**
- **I Corinthians 3:9**
- **I Thessalonians 5:12-13**
- **Joshua 1:6-8**

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Why would Timothy fear being with the Corinthians church?
4. What is the scariest thing about doing the work of the Lord?
5. What do you think is included in sending Timothy on his way in peace?
6. What lessons about ministry and timing can we learn from verse 12?
7. What does it mean to: 1) stand fast in the faith? Quit you like men?
8. How can you do all things with love? What does that look like?
9. How can you tell if someone is devoted to the ministry to the saints?
10. Why would Paul have the Corinthians to submit to Stephanas?
11. How do we show proper respect and submission to our Elders?
12. What negative behaviors/attitudes should we avoid from this passage?