

# **Abounding in the Work of the Lord**

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: I Corinthians 16:1-12.

B. This passage contains Paul's perspective on serving the Lord.

C. The way to do the work of the Lord is to do as much as possible. (Ephesians 1:8, Philippians 1:9, I Thessalonians 3:12, 4:1, 4:10, II Corinthians 8)

D. There are several principles to doing the work of the Lord. (Philippians 2:25)

## II. If one is going to do as much as possible, he must begin with liberal giving. (II Corinthians 8)

A. We give as God has prospered.

B. There was no percentage of giving demanded in the Bible. There was a basic tax structure in the Old Testament, but believers were called to give more. (Deuteronomy 14, 12)

C. Giving is to be sacrificial.

D. Giving is an investment. (Galatians 6, II Corinthians 9)

## III. There must be a vision for the future.

## IV. There must be a sense of flexibility. (Acts 16)

## V. There must be a commitment to thoroughness and excellence. (Galatians 4)

## VI. There must be a commitment to present service.

## VII. One must accept opposition as a challenge.

## VIII. Believers must function as a team. (Acts 19:22)

## IX. There must be sensitivity to the work of the Spirit in others.

## **Application questions:**

1. How has the church failed to be committed to excellence today?

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2. How are you committed to present service? How can you grow in this area?

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3. What does it look like to be a liberal giver? Explain

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