

“The Church And Its Treasury”

Lesson Text: **1 Corinthians 16:1-2.**

I. What Some May Say About The Common Treasury.

- Some Want To Deny A Pooling Of Funds- AKA “Church Treasury.”
- Quote: “It is true that the disciples were instructed to treasure up some things, *“And concerning the collection that (is) for the saints, as I directed to the assemblies of Galatia, so also ye— do ye; on every first (day) of the week, let each one of you lay by him, treasuring up whatever he may have prospered, that when I may come then collections may not be made.”* (**1 Corinthians 16:1-2 YLT**). But you cannot term this, “Church treasury” and form a doctrine with rules and guidelines attached with it. They had no “Church treasury”, as you say. The expression, “Church treasury, or, “Common collection” did not come out of the mouth of God.”
- Possible Reasons Why:
 1. They Don’t Like The Practice.
 2. They Like To Argue Against “Church of Christ Traditions.”
 3. They Have Intentions To Pull People Away From God’s Arrangement.

II. The Treasury In The Old Testament.

- **1 Chronicles 29:8; Ezra 2:69; Nehemiah 7:70-71.** God would Not ask them to do His work without the resources and Money to do so!
- **Nehemiah 13:4-5**, Even the first-fruits, tithes, and freewill offerings constituted treasury, and such were given a storage room or treasury in the Temple- **Malachi 3:10.**
- **Mark 12:41-44; Matthew 27:6-** The Jews Continued To Have a Treasury.
- **John 13:27-29-** Jesus and the disciples had a treasury.

III. The Treasury In The New Testament.

- **Acts 2:42-** “Fellowship” (**Romans 15:26; 2 Corinthians 9:13**).
- **Acts 4:34-37-** *“and laid it at the apostles’ feet,”* (**Vs. 35**).
- **Acts 6:1-6-** Men appointed to serve.
- **Acts 11:29-30-** The Judean Churches had treasuries.
- **1 Corinthians 16:1-2-** *“in store”* literally, *“Put into the treasury.”*

IV. Answering Critics Of A Collection—Treasury Today.

- Some say this collection was ONLY FOR EMERGENCY BENEVOLENCE PURPOSES— Not for Evangelism or for the Support of Preachers....
- But It was FOR more than just Benevolence- **1 Corinthians 9:1-14; 2 Corinthians 11:8; Philippians 4:15-16; 1 Timothy 5:9; 5:16.**
- God has given the church a great Work to perform— That also necessitates the resources and money needed to carry out our mission!