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- Paul invites the church to set aside a gift regularly and in proportion to what God has entrusted to them. Giving becomes a joyful rhythm rather than a rushed decision — planned ahead, proportional to what we've received, and offered with a cheerful heart. It's less about the size of the gift and more about what it reveals: a life devoted to God, faithfully honoring Him with what He has entrusted to us.
- What would it look like for my giving to become a settled, joyful rhythm rather than a last-minute decision?

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- "On the first day of every week" was more than a collection schedule — it was a rhythm of worship. The Psalms had long called God's people to gather together with joy and singing before Him. From resurrection morning onward, many believers began gathering on that first day of the week — a pattern carried through Pentecost, through to praising God this very Sunday. Every time we gather, those watching us — our children, our grandchildren, our church family — see a little more of what truly matters to us.
- What helps make gathering with God's people feel like a delight rather than one more thing on the calendar?

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(1 Corinthians 16:10-11,15-16; see also Matthew 20:26)

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- Who is the "Timothy" or "Stephanas" in my life, and how might I encourage them this week?

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Application For This Week:

Faithful giving, faithful gathering, and faithful honoring of God's servants are not occasional acts but ongoing rhythms of devotion. This week, let each one find its place: give with a cheerful and planned heart, gather with anticipation this coming Sunday, and encourage someone who serves quietly and well.

Prayer:

Lord, You have not asked of us what we do not have — only hearts willing and devoted to You above all else. Thank You for the joy of giving, the delight of gathering, and the quiet faithfulness of those who serve among us. May our devotion to You shine brightly, that our lives would tell of Your mighty acts to the generation coming after us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Verses To Meditate On This Week:

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." — Psalm 122:1

"whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant"
- Matthew 20:26b

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love. .. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love to all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen.
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