

SENTENCE FLOW · CLAUSE STRUCTURE · GREEK

1 Corinthians 16 — clausal layout

ΠΡΟΣ ΚΟΡΙΝΘΙΟΥΣ Α' ΙΖ'

Each line is one clause or discrete phrase of the standard critical text, colored by syntactic type; indentation marks levels of subordination. The verse numbers sit in the left gutter; the small tag on each line names the clause type and its function.

independent

participial

relative

purpose

cause

comparative

content

conditional

phrase modifier

dashed = verbless / suspended

Flush-left = a main (independent) clause. Each dependent line begins directly beneath the word it attaches to in the line above — the anchor word is dotted-underlined, and lights up when you hover its dependent clause; each tag also names the attachment. A dashed border marks verbless, elliptical, or suspended lines. Where a long sentence's staircase runs wider than the page, the diagram scrolls sideways. (In print, or without JavaScript, lines fall back to stepped indent columns.)

The collection for the saints 16:1–4

VV. 1–2 — THE STANDING RULE: WEEKLY, PROPORTIONAL, IN ADVANCE

1 | Περὶ δὲ τῆς λογεΐας τῆς εἰς τοὺς ἁγίους, phrase modifier — the περὶ δέ topic formula (cf. 7:1; 8:1; 12:1) — leans on ποιήσατε below

ὥσπερ διέταξα ταῖς ἐκκλησίαις τῆς Γαλατίας, comparative — fronted comparison — the Galatian precedent; leans forward

οὕτως καὶ ὑμεῖς ποιήσατε. independent — the standing order — οὕτως answers ὥσπερ

2 κατὰ μίαν σαββάτου ἕκαστος ὑμῶν παρ' ἑαυτῷ τιθέτω independent — the rule — weekly (the first day), individual, at home (παρ' ἑαυτῷ)

θησαυρίζων ὃ τι ἐὰν εὐδοῶται, participial — manner — with the indefinite relative ὃ τι ἐὰν εὐδοῶται: giving scaled to gain

ἵνα μὴ ὅταν ἔλθω τότε λογεῖται γίνονται. purpose — negative purpose — the embedded ὅταν ἐλθω: everything ready before arrival

VV. 3–4 — THE TRANSMISSION: APPROVED DELEGATES, LETTERS, PERHAPS PAUL HIMSELF

3 ὅταν δὲ παραγένωμαι, conditional — indefinite temporal (ὅταν + subj.) — leans on πέμψω below

οὓς ἐὰν δοκιμάσητε, relative — conditional relative, resumed by τούτους — the church chooses its own delegates; leans forward

δι' ἐπιστολῶν τούτους πέμψω independent — the commissioning — δι' ἐπιστολῶν, letters of accreditation

ἀπενεγκεῖν τὴν χάριν ὑμῶν εἰς Ἱερουσαλήμ· purpose — purpose infinitive — the relief fund dignified as χάρις (cf. 2 Cor 8:4)

4 ἐὰν δὲ ἄξιον ᾗ τοῦ κάμει πορεύεσθαι, conditional — protasis — the contingency of Paul's own going; leans forward

σὺν ἐμοὶ πορεύονται. independent — apodosis — Paul joining the delegation

Paul's travel plans 16:5–9

VV. 5–7 — THE ROUTE: THROUGH MACEDONIA, THEN A REAL STAY, NOT A STOPOVER

5 Ἐλεύσομαι δὲ πρὸς ὑμᾶς independent — the itinerary opens — the announced visit (its later changes defended in 2 Cor 1)

ὅταν Μακεδονίαν διέλθω, conditional — indefinite temporal — the visit set after the Macedonian leg

Μακεδονίαν γὰρ διέρχομαι· cause — parenthesis — the route stated as settled (futuristic present)

6 πρὸς ὑμᾶς δὲ τυχὸν παραμενῶ ἢ καὶ παραχειμάσω, independent — the hoped-for stay — τυχόν, 'perhaps'; the coordinate futures kept together

ἵνα ὑμεῖς με προπέμψετε purpose — προπέμπω — the quasi-technical outfitting of a traveler (cf. Rom 15:24)

οὗ ἐὰν πορεύωμαι. relative — indefinite local clause — the destination left open

- 7 | οὐ θέλω γὰρ ὑμᾶς ἄρτι ἐν παρόδῳ ἰδεῖν, cause — why the longer stay — no ἐν παρόδῳ stopover
 | | ἐλπίζω γὰρ χρόνον τινὰ ἐπιμεῖναι πρὸς ὑμᾶς, cause — the positive ground beneath the refusal
 | | ἐὰν ὁ κύριος ἐπιτρέψῃ. conditional — trailing protasis — anchored, not forward-leaning; the plan submitted to the Lord (cf. Jas 4:15)

VV. 8–9 — MEANWHILE EPHESUS: AN OPEN DOOR, MANY ADVERSARIES

- 8 | ἐπιμενῶ δὲ ἐν Ἐφέσῳ ἕως τῆς πεντηκοστῆς independent — the present base — fixing the letter's own time and place
 9 | θύρα γὰρ μοι ἀνέωγεν μεγάλη καὶ ἐνεργής, cause — the perfect ἀνέωγεν — the door stands open (cf. 2 Cor 2:12; Col 4:3)
 | καὶ ἀντικείμενοι πολλοί. cause — verbless — the opposition a confirmation, not a deterrent (cf. Acts 19)

Timothy and Apollos 16:10–12

VV. 10–11 — RECEIVE TIMOTHY WITHOUT FEAR, SEND HIM BACK IN PEACE

- 10 | Ἐὰν δὲ ἔλθῃ Τιμόθεος, conditional — protasis — leans on the charge below (Timothy sent ahead, 4:17)
 | βλέπετε independent — apodosis — the one-word imperative of care
 | ἵνα ἀφόβως γένηται πρὸς ὑμᾶς, content — content of βλέπετε — ἀφόβως, at ease among the contentious
 | τὸ γὰρ ἔργον κυρίου ἐργάζεται cause — Timothy's warrant — the same ἔργον κυρίου
 | ὥς καγώ comparative — elliptical comparison — καγώ ranks his work with Paul's own
 11 | μή τις οὖν αὐτὸν ἐξουθενήσῃ. independent — prohibitive subjunctive — no contempt for the envoy (cf. 1 Tim 4:12)
 | προπέμψατε δὲ αὐτὸν ἐν εἰρήνῃ, independent — the same courtesy Paul asked for himself (v. 6)
 | ἵνα ἔλθῃ πρὸς με, purpose — the goal — Timothy's safe return
 | ἐκδέχομαι γὰρ αὐτὸν μετὰ τῶν ἀδελφῶν. cause — the ground — μετὰ τῶν ἀδελφῶν read with ἐκδέχομαι: Paul and the brothers watch for him

V. 12 — APOLLOS: URGED, UNWILLING NOW, COMING IN SEASON

- 12 **Περὶ δὲ Ἀπολλῶ τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ,** phrase modifier — the περὶ δέ formula again — 'the brother' binds Apollos to Paul against party rivalry; leans on παρεκάλεσα below
- πολλὰ παρεκάλεσα αὐτὸν** independent — πολλά adverbial — Paul pressed him; no rivalry on Paul's side
- ἵνα ἔλθῃ πρὸς ὑμᾶς μετὰ τῶν ἀδελφῶν·** content — content of the urging — with the traveling party, perhaps this letter's bearers
- καὶ πάντως οὐκ ἦν θέλημα** independent — θέλημα — read as Apollos's own will, though some take it of God's
- ἵνα νῦν ἔλθῃ,** content — exegetical ἵνα — the present timing declined
- ἐλεύσεται δὲ** independent — the visit deferred, not refused
- ὅταν εὐκαιρήσῃ.** conditional — indefinite temporal — εὐκαιρήσῃ, when the moment is right

The watchwords 16:13–14

- 13 **Γρηγορεῖτε,** independent — the staccato imperatives begin — eschatological wakefulness (cf. Mark 13:37)
- στήκετε ἐν τῇ πίστει,** independent — the sphere of standing — hold your ground in the faith
- ἀνδρίζεσθε,** independent — the LXX summons to courage (Josh 1:6–7; Ps 31:24)
- κραταιοῦσθε.** independent — passive — be strengthened, i.e. by God (cf. Eph 3:16)
- 14 **πάντα ὑμῶν ἐν ἀγάπῃ γινέσθω.** independent — the capstone — chapter 13 set over the whole watchword

Submit to such workers 16:15–18

VV. 15–16 — THE APPEAL: RANK YOURSELVES UNDER THE HOUSEHOLD OF STEPHANAS

- 15 **Παρακαλῶ δὲ ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί·** independent — the appeal opens — its content held back until the ἵνα of v. 16
- οἴδατε τὴν οἰκίαν Στεφανᾶ,** independent — parenthesis — appeal to shared knowledge (baptized by Paul, 1:16)
- ὅτι ἐστὶν ἀπαρχὴ τῆς Ἀχαΐας** content — ἀπαρχή — the region's first converts, pledge of a harvest
- καὶ εἰς διακονίαν τοῖς ἀγίοις ἔταξαν ἑαυτούς·** content — ἔταξαν ἑαυτούς — self-appointed to serve; the echo ὑποτάσσησθε follows

- 16 | ἵνα καὶ ὑμεῖς ὑποτάσσησθε τοῖς τοιούτοις καὶ παντὶ τῷ συνεργοῦντι καὶ κοπιῶντι. content — the appeal resumed past the parenthesis —
rank yourselves under the self-ranked (τάσσω → ὑποτάσσω)

VV. 17–18 — THE DELEGATION THAT REFRESHED PAUL'S SPIRIT

- 17 | χαίρω δὲ ἐπὶ τῇ παρουσίᾳ Στεφανᾶ καὶ Φορτουνάτου καὶ Ἀχαΐκου, independent — the three envoys — likely bearers of the Corinthians' letter
| ὅτι τὸ ὑμέτερον ὑστέρημα οὗτοι ἀνεπλήρωσαν, cause — ὑστέρημα — your absence made good; no reproach intended
- 18 | ἀνέπαυσαν γὰρ τὸ ἐμὸν πνεῦμα καὶ τὸ ὑμῶν. cause — ἀνέπαυσαν — the refreshment counted as the church's own
| ἐπιγινώσκετε οὖν τοὺς τοιούτους. independent — the inference — ἐπιγινώσκετε, due esteem for proven workers

Greetings, autograph, curse and grace 16:19–24

VV. 19–20 — THE WEB OF GREETINGS AND THE HOLY KISS

- 19 | Ἀσπάζονται ὑμᾶς αἱ ἐκκλησίαι τῆς Ἀσίας. independent — the provincial greeting — the congregations around Ephesus
| ἀσπάζεται ὑμᾶς ἐν κυρίῳ πολλὰ Ἀκύλας καὶ Πρίσκα σὺν τῇ κατ' οἶκον αὐτῶν ἐκκλησίᾳ. independent — the old Corinthian hosts (Acts 18) —
with their house-church
- 20 | ἀσπάζονται ὑμᾶς οἱ ἀδελφοὶ πάντες. independent — the blanket greeting
| ἀσπάσασθε ἀλλήλους ἐν φιλήματι ἁγίῳ. independent — the holy kiss — the family sign of the gathered church (cf. Rom 16:16)

VV. 21–24 — THE AUTOGRAPH: ANATHEMA, MARANA THA, GRACE AND LOVE

- 21 | Ὁ ἀσπασμὸς τῇ ἐμῇ χειρὶ Παύλου. independent — verbless — the pen taken from the amanuensis (cf. Gal 6:11; 2 Thess 3:17)
- 22 | εἴ τις οὐ φιλεῖ τὸν κύριον, conditional — protasis — εἰ + indicative, the case put as real; φιλεῖ, personal affection; leans forward
| ἦτω ἀνάθεμα. independent — apodosis — ἦτω ἀνάθεμα, the solemn ban (cf. 12:3; Gal 1:8–9)
| μαρανα θα. independent — Aramaic cry — read as imperative petition (cf. Rev 22:20; Did. 10.6); 'our Lord has come' also possible
- 23 | ἡ χάρις τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ μεθ' ὑμῶν. independent — the verbless grace-benediction — balancing the anathema

Analysis. 1 Corinthians 16 is business prose after the resurrection chapter, and the shape is correspondingly flat and clipped: purple main clauses dominate, with only short one- or two-step dependents hanging beneath them. What structure there is comes largely from the forward-leaning lines — the chapter opens with a fronted topic (Περὶ δὲ τῆς λογιᾶς) and a fronted comparison (ὥσπερ διέταξα) leaning on the single imperative ποιήσατε, and the same protasis-first rhythm returns at ὅταν δὲ παραγένωμαι with its conditional relative οὓς ἐὰν δοκιμάσητε (resumed by τούτους), at ἐὰν δὲ ἄξιον ᾦ, at Ἐὰν δὲ ἔλθῃ Τιμόθεος, and at the closing εἴ τις οὐ φιλεῖ τὸν κύριον. The travel plans chain a little deeper — Ἐλεύσομαι carries the ὅταν clause and its γάρ parenthesis, and οὐ θέλω γάρ steps down through ἐλπίζω to the trailing, anchored ἐὰν ὁ κύριος ἐπιτρέψῃ — while vv. 13–14 stand as five flush-left imperatives, the letter's watchword in miniature. Cruxes the layout takes a side on: μαρὰ θὰ is set as an independent Aramaic cry and rendered as an imperative petition ('Our Lord, come!', with Rev 22:20 and Didache 10.6), though the alternative division maran atha ('our Lord has come') is honestly possible; θέλημα in v. 12 is taken as Apollo's own will rather than God's; the λογία mechanics of v. 2 are read as a standing weekly rule of private storing at home (παρ' ἑαυτῷ) proportioned to gain (ὅ τι ἐὰν εὐοδῶται), so that no gatherings need happen at Paul's arrival; and the v. 15 parenthesis οἴδατε τὴν οἰκίαν Στεφανᾶ is hung beneath Παρακαλῶ, whose real content arrives only with the ἵνα of v. 16.

The clause segmentation, the type assigned to each line, and the indentation are interpretive — one defensible reading of the syntax, chosen to match the analysis in the chapter's interlinear (word-level syntax tier and discourse notes); other analyses divide or

attach some lines differently. The Greek text is identical to the chapter data behind the interlinear and follows the standard critical text.