

The Collection

Acts 4:32-37

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- **Work of the Church: Helping Saints in Need.**
 - Distribution to the saints. ***Acts 4:32-35; 6:1-4***
 - Coming famine in Judea. ***Acts 11:27-30***
 - Poor saints in Jerusalem. ***Rom 15:25-31***
 - Saints in Jerusalem. ***1 Cor 16:1-4***
 - Certain Widows. ***1 Tim 5:16***

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- **Work of the Church: Supporting the preaching of the gospel.**
 - Support a local preacher. ***1 Cor 9:3-14***
 - Support preachers in other areas. ***2 Cor 11:8-9; Phil 4:14-20***
 - Support of the elders. ***1 Tim 5:17-18***
 - Provide a place to worship and teach, teaching materials and supplies, etc.

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Work of the Church: Edification of the saints

The treasure is used to help supply the means and facilities for the saints to be edified.

Rom 14:19

The treasury is also used to supply teaching materials and the like.

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- Give of ourselves first to the Lord. *2 Cor 8:5*
- Give freely and willingly. *2 Cor 8:3,12*
- Plan ahead for our giving. *2 Cor 9:3-5, 7;*
1 Cor 16:1-4
- Give bountifully and cheerfully. *2 Cor 9:6-7*
- By example, lay by on the first day of the week. *1 Cor 16:1-2*

Conclusion

- **The local church has responsibilities to accomplish. Quite often these responsibilities require funding.**
- **Without the collection, the funds will not be present to evangelize, to help the saints, and to provide a place for the edification of the saints.**