

Personal Plans

1 Corinthians 16:5-14 / Sunday, May 20th

- 1.) *"If the Lord permits"* ... Even the apostles didn't know God's will with absolute _____ when it came down to the detailed plans of their everyday lives.
- 2.) When God gives someone spiritual authority it is never to order individuals around with absolute power. You can say _____ to a spiritual leader when it comes to many of your personal choices and preferences of life.
- 3.) Where is the balance? When should you "obey" those in spiritual authority? When it comes to following their good _____. And when it comes to _____ instructions.
- 4.) These exhortations (V:13-14) are good indications that Christians can be "_____". We must _____ to be brave, be strong and stand firm. These things are not _____. These things depend upon our proper mindset and resolve as much as they depend upon God.
- 5.) Yes, these things (V:13) come only with God's help. But we can neglect, ignore or _____ Him.
- 6.) Truth without love can be too _____. Love without truth can be too _____. God help us to live in the balance of both and always speak the truth in love!

Notes: _____

Growth Group Discussion Questions

(Complete at home on separate sheet of paper if needed)

- 1.) Are you the type of person who sets 6-month, 1 year, 5-year goals? Tell us about it.
- 2.) What does today's text tell us about planning our lives?
- 3.) What do we learn about spiritual authority in Pastor Mike's message?
- 4.) What are some important commands or exhortations to the believer found in today's text?
- 5.) How much depends upon us concerning these commands? How much depends upon God?
- 6.) Is there anything in today's text that troubles or confuses you? Discuss.