In verses 1-4 Paul emphasized the importance of giving.

In verses 5-12 Paul yielded his ministry plans to the sovereign will of <u>God</u>.

In verses 13-24 Paul ended the letter with an appeal to be vigilant, faithful, strong, and full of <u>love</u>.

## **Application & Discussion Questions**

- 1. Do you have any questions about the meaning of today's passage?
- 2. Do you plan your giving to the LORD? If so, what does your plan look like? Why is it important to have a plan?
- 3. What can we learn from Paul's willingness to submit his own ministry plans to the sovereign will of God?
- 4. How are you challenged by the character qualities listed in verses 13-14?
- 5. Verse 14 instructs us to do everything in love? Is there an area where it is difficult for your actions to be motivated by love?
- 6. What might help you to obey this command to do all things in love?
- 7. How does this passage challenge you personally?