

# 1 Corinthians 16:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it may be that I will abide, yea, and winter with you, that ye may bring me on my journey whithersoever I go.

## Analysis

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**And it may be that I will abide, yea, and winter with you**—Ancient Mediterranean travel ceased during winter due to dangerous seas and impassable mountain roads. Paul hoped to spend the approximately five-month winter season (November-March) in Corinth, allowing extended ministry rather than a brief visit. Paracheimazō (παράχειμάζω, "winter") occurs only here and in Acts 27:12 and 28:11, both describing winter harboring during Paul's shipwreck voyage.

**That ye may bring me on my journey whithersoever I go**—Propempō (προπέμπω, "bring on journey") means to provide escorts, supplies, and letters of introduction—comprehensive support for traveling missionaries. Paul expected mutual ministry: he would edify Corinth, and they would facilitate his next mission phase. Christian community involves both receiving and giving.

## Historical Context

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Winter posed severe travel dangers in antiquity. Paul's shipwreck (Acts 27) occurred partly because sailors attempted to reach a better wintering harbor. By planning to winter in Corinth, Paul demonstrated his commitment to thorough pastoral care rather than superficial visits. Ancient hospitality codes made supporting traveling teachers an honor and obligation.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. What does Paul's willingness to spend months in Corinth reveal about effective ministry—is it more about brief interventions or sustained presence?
2. How does the mutual support model (Paul ministers, Corinth supplies) shape healthy church-minister relationships?
3. What modern equivalents exist for 'bringing missionaries on their journey' with provision and support?

## Interlinear Text

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πρὸς	ὑμᾶς	δὲ	τυχὸν	παραμενῶ	ἢ	καὶ	παραχειμάσω
with	you	And	it may be	that I will abide	yea	and	winter
G4314	G5209	G1161	G5177	G3887	G2228	G2532	G3914
ἵνα	ὑμεῖς	με	προπέμψητε	οὔ	ἐὰν	πορεύωμαι	
that	ye	me	may bring	whithersoever	G1437	I go	
G2443	G5210	G3165	G4311	G3757		G4198	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 15:3** (Parallel theme): And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.

**Romans 15:24** (Parallel theme): Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company.

