

# 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 (παραχειμάζω, "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 ἦ καὶ παραχειμάσω  
with you And it may be that I will abide yea and winter  
G4314 G5209 G1161 G5177 G3887 G2228 G2532 G3914

ἴνα ὑμεῖς με προπέμψητε οὐδὲν πορεύωμαι  
that ye me may bring whithersoever I go  
G2443 G5210 G3165 G4311 G3757 G1437 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): Whensover 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.

