

THE CONTRIBUTION

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- ◆ **WHAT?** *collection for saints*
- ◆ **WHO?** *every member of local churches on the first day of the week*
- ◆ **HOW?** *store up*
- ◆ **WHY?** *no collections when I come*

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- ◆ **"Collection for the Saints"**
(benevolence to saints, work of church)
- ◆ **"order"** (commandment)
- ◆ **"churches"**
(given to local congregations)
- ◆ **"on the first day of the week"** (time)
- ◆ **"let each one"**
(every member to participate)
- ◆ **"no collection when I come"**
(a common congregational collection)

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- 1) Could this service be done any other day of the week?
- 2) If yes, why then does Paul specify "first day of the week"?
- 3) When do members of the SDA Church give of their means?
- 4) Any commandment from any apostle to perform any religious service on the seventh day of the week?

WAS THE CONTRIBUTION NATURAL FRUIT?

Romans 15:25-28

- Then does "sealed" mean he "canned it?"
- Who grows "fruits worthy of repentance" (Matt. 3:8)?
- Did Paul want "fruit trees" among the Romans (Rom. 1:13)?
- "...I seek the fruit that abounds to your account" (Phil. 4:17).
- How many bushels of fruit could a few brethren carry and it be considered an "abundance" (1 Cor. 16:3; 2 Cor. 8:14)?