

1 Corinthians Lists of 7s

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Introduction

The book you now hold in your hands is built upon a simple but powerful idea: take every verse of 1 Corinthians and draw from it seven clear, memorable, Bible-believing truths. The

result is not a traditional verse-by-verse commentary, though it certainly walks verse by verse. It is not a sermon outline book, though many of these lists could easily become sermons, lessons, devotionals, studies, or preaching points. It is not merely a collection of observations, though every entry is designed to observe the text carefully. This book is a structured study tool, a doctrinal notebook, a devotional companion, and a teaching resource designed to help the reader slow down, think deeply, and see how much truth God has placed in every line of His word.

The Bible is not a shallow book. It does not yield its riches to the casual glance, the hurried reading, or the careless spirit. Every word of God is pure. Every verse has weight. Every phrase carries light. The Spirit of God did not waste words when He inspired the Scriptures. When Paul wrote to the Corinthians, he was not filling space on a page. He was dealing with real people, real sins, real doctrine, real confusion, real division, real carnality, real church problems, real spiritual gifts, real resurrection truth, and real apostolic correction. First Corinthians is one of the most practical and searching books in the New Testament because it shows what happens when saved people possess spiritual blessings but fail to walk in spiritual maturity.

The church at Corinth was gifted, but it was troubled. It was enriched, but it was carnal. It had knowledge, but it lacked charity. It had liberty, but it abused liberty. It had spiritual gifts, but it needed spiritual order. It had the gospel, but it tolerated sin. It had teachers, but it was divided over personalities. It had the ordinance of the Lord's supper, but it had turned holy remembrance into shameful disorder. It had questions about marriage, meats, gifts, tongues, prophecy, resurrection, and church conduct. In other words, Corinth was a church full of the kinds of problems still found among believers today. That is one reason 1 Corinthians remains so necessary. It is not an ancient letter locked in the past. It is a mirror held up before the modern church.

This book was written with that conviction. The purpose is not merely to admire the structure of 1 Corinthians, but to learn from it. It is not enough to know that Paul rebuked division; we must ask whether our own hearts are drawn toward party spirit and personality worship. It is not enough to know that Paul corrected carnality; we must ask whether our own lives are still governed by the flesh. It is not enough to know that Paul taught charity in chapter 13; we must ask whether our doctrine is clothed in love or sharpened into pride. It is not enough to know that Paul preached the resurrection in chapter 15; we must ask whether that blessed hope governs the way we labor, suffer, and stand. The word of God is not given to decorate the mind. It is given to renew the mind, search the heart, correct the life, and establish the believer in truth.

The format of this book is intentionally simple. Each verse of 1 Corinthians is given a list of seven truths. These truths may be doctrinal, practical, devotional, pastoral, dispensational, corrective, warning, encouraging, or instructive depending on the verse. Some lists draw out seven implications. Some identify seven principles. Some summarize seven warnings. Some arrange seven applications. Some trace seven doctrinal facts. Some highlight seven spiritual contrasts. The goal is to make the verse memorable without emptying it of its depth. A list can never exhaust the Bible, but it can help organize the mind so the reader may return to the text with greater attention and understanding.

There is a reason lists are useful in Bible study. The mind remembers ordered truth better than scattered truth. A list forces the student to slow down, distinguish thoughts, separate ideas, and recognize connections. It turns a verse into a field that must be walked carefully, row by row. Instead of rushing past familiar words, the reader is encouraged to ask: What does this verse reveal about God? What does it expose in man? What doctrine does it teach? What error does it correct? What command does it imply? What warning does it give? What comfort does it offer? What does it contribute to the argument of the chapter? What does it show about the church, the cross, the body of Christ, the apostolic ministry, Christian liberty, judgment, charity, resurrection, or service?

The number seven is also a natural and fitting framework for this kind of study. Throughout Scripture, seven often carries the sense of completion, fullness, or divine order. This book does not suggest that every verse has only seven truths, nor that these seven are the only possible truths that may be drawn from the passage. The word of God is far richer than any single list can contain. Rather, the number seven provides a complete working set for study, meditation, teaching, and review. It gives the reader enough substance to think deeply, but not so much that the verse becomes buried under commentary. It creates a rhythm: read the verse, consider the heading, walk through the seven points, and then return again to the verse with clearer eyes.

First Corinthians is especially suited for this kind of treatment because of the wide range of subjects it addresses. In this single epistle, the reader encounters the call of Paul, the identity of the church, the grace of God, the testimony of Christ, the fellowship of the Son, divisions among believers, the wisdom of this world, the preaching of the cross, the judgment seat, the temple of God, apostolic stewardship, church discipline, lawsuits among brethren, fornication, marriage, singleness, Christian liberty, conscience, idolatry, the Lord's table, headship, spiritual gifts, charity, tongues, prophecy, order in the assembly, the gospel, the resurrection of Christ, the resurrection of the saints, victory over death, steadfast labor, financial giving, ministerial relationships, and the final greetings of the

apostle. Few books move so rapidly from doctrine to correction, from correction to instruction, and from instruction to glory.

This epistle also reminds us that the local church can possess great truth and still need strong correction. The Corinthians were not lost pagans trying to become religious. They were saints. Paul says they were sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be saints. Yet they were also rebuked for envy, strife, pride, immorality, disorder, selfishness, confusion, and doctrinal weakness. That tension is one of the great lessons of the book. Salvation gives a believer a new standing in Christ, but spiritual growth requires submission to the word of God. A Christian may be rich in position and poor in practice. He may be blessed in Christ and still walking like a man. He may have liberty and yet lack wisdom. He may have knowledge and yet lack charity. He may be right on a matter and still wrong in his spirit.

That is why 1 Corinthians is not merely a book for theologians. It is a book for pastors, teachers, churches, families, young believers, older saints, preachers, servants, and anyone who wants to understand how doctrine must govern conduct. Paul does not separate truth from life. He does not treat doctrine as a cold system or practice as a matter of personal preference. The doctrine of the cross rebukes pride. The doctrine of the body rebukes division. The doctrine of the temple rebukes fornication. The doctrine of liberty rebukes selfishness. The doctrine of headship rebukes disorder. The doctrine of charity rebukes spiritual arrogance. The doctrine of resurrection rebukes despair and strengthens labor. The whole epistle shows that what a Christian believes must shape how a Christian lives.

This book has been prepared to help the reader see those connections more clearly. Each list is short enough to be usable, but serious enough to provoke further study. A pastor may use these lists to form outlines, sermon points, Sunday school lessons, or midweek studies. A Bible teacher may use them to help students identify the main thrust of a verse. A family may read a verse and discuss the seven truths together. A new believer may use the lists as stepping stones into deeper Bible study. A mature believer may use them as reminders of truths already known but needing fresh application. A writer may use them as prompts for devotionals. A preacher may use them to sharpen a message. A church member may use them to better understand the flow of the epistle.

The reader should understand that this work is not meant to replace the Bible. No study tool ever should. The greatest danger in religious study is to let books about the Bible take the place of the Bible itself. This resource is intended to drive the reader back to the text, not away from it. The lists are servants; Scripture is master. The headings are helps; the verse is authority. The observations are useful only insofar as they faithfully reflect the word of God. Read the verse first. Read it again after the list. Compare the points with the text.

Mark what helps you. Test all things by Scripture. Let the Bible correct the book wherever necessary, for the Bible is perfect and no man's work is.

The King James Bible is used as the foundation for this study. The language, phrasing, doctrinal precision, and spiritual authority of the Authorized Version are treated with reverence throughout. The words of Scripture are not handled as religious suggestions or scholarly clay to be reshaped by modern unbelief. They are received as the words of God. That conviction matters because 1 Corinthians itself repeatedly deals with the danger of human wisdom exalting itself against divine revelation. The Corinthians lived in a world that prized philosophy, eloquence, reputation, culture, and intellectual display. Paul answered that world with the foolishness of preaching, the cross of Christ, and the wisdom of God. The modern reader needs the same correction.

The first four chapters of 1 Corinthians lay the axe to pride. Paul begins with grace, calling, sanctification, fellowship, and the testimony of Christ, but he quickly confronts division and personality worship. Some said, "I am of Paul," others "I am of Apollos," others "I am of Cephas," and others "I am of Christ." The problem was not that Paul, Apollos, or Cephas were wicked men. The problem was that carnal believers were using good men as banners for division. The cross strips all boasting from the flesh. Ministers are servants. God gives the increase. The church belongs to God. The foundation is Jesus Christ. The fire will try every man's work. The steward must be faithful. These truths are desperately needed in a day when celebrity religion often replaces sober service.

Chapters 5 and 6 confront moral disorder. Paul does not treat sin lightly because grace is abundant. A church that tolerates open wickedness in the name of love has misunderstood both love and holiness. Sin in the assembly affects the whole lump. The believer's body belongs to the Lord. The Christian is not his own; he is bought with a price. First Corinthians forces the reader to face a truth that modern Christianity often avoids: grace does not excuse uncleanness. The same gospel that saves a man from wrath also calls him to glorify God in his body and in his spirit, which are God's.

Chapter 7 deals with marriage, singleness, calling, and contentment in a way that is both practical and spiritually mature. Paul addresses real questions from real believers trying to live faithfully in complicated circumstances. He does not turn every believer into the same mold. He recognizes gifts, conditions, responsibilities, and callings. He gives instruction without pretending that life is simple. In doing so, he teaches Christians to serve God where they are, to honor covenant responsibilities, and to think about earthly relationships in light of eternal priorities.

Chapters 8 through 10 address liberty, conscience, knowledge, stumbling blocks, idolatry, and self-denial. These chapters are among the strongest correctives in the Bible for believers who think that being right is the same thing as being spiritual. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth. A Christian may have liberty and still need restraint. He may know that an idol is nothing and still need to consider the conscience of a weaker brother. Paul himself had rights, yet he surrendered rights for the sake of the gospel. The Christian life is not governed merely by the question, “May I do this?” but also by the questions, “Will this edify? Will this harm another? Will this glorify God? Will this help the gospel? Will this bring me under the power of something that should not rule me?”

Chapters 11 through 14 address order in the assembly, the Lord’s supper, spiritual gifts, charity, tongues, prophecy, edification, and church conduct. These chapters have been debated, misused, ignored, exaggerated, and mishandled by many. Yet the central burden is clear: God is not the author of confusion. Spiritual activity must be governed by divine order, sound doctrine, charity, and edification. Gifts are not toys for self-display. The assembly is not a stage for confusion. The Lord’s supper is not a common meal. Charity is not sentimental weakness, but the more excellent way. Tongues and prophecy are not to be judged by excitement but by the purpose and order God gives in the passage. These chapters remind us that worship must be spiritual, but never lawless.

Chapter 15 stands as one of the greatest resurrection chapters in the entire Bible. Paul declares the gospel, proves the resurrection of Christ, defends the resurrection of the dead, explains the order of resurrection, unveils the change that shall come, and ends with steadfast labor. The chapter rises from the historical fact of Christ’s resurrection to the future victory of the saints over death. It shows that the resurrection is not a side doctrine. If Christ be not raised, preaching is vain, faith is vain, forgiveness is absent, the dead perish, and believers are of all men most miserable. But Christ is risen. Therefore death is defeated, hope is secure, labor is meaningful, and victory is certain through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Chapter 16 closes the epistle with practical instructions, financial giving, travel plans, ministerial commendations, household service, watchfulness, courage, charity, and final greetings. After the heights of resurrection glory, Paul comes back to ordinary obedience. Collections must be gathered. Doors of service must be considered. Fellow laborers must be received. The saints must watch, stand fast, quit themselves like men, be strong, and do all things with charity. That is Christianity in balance: resurrection hope and daily responsibility, doctrinal glory and practical faithfulness, heavenly truth and earthly labor.

As you read this book, do not rush. The format may appear simple, but it is best used slowly. Take one verse at a time. Read the Scripture. Read the list. Think over each point.

Look for the words in the verse that support the observation. Ask how the truth applies to your own life, your doctrine, your church, your ministry, your family, your witness, and your walk with God. Some entries may encourage you. Some may correct you. Some may give you sermon material. Some may expose a weakness. Some may settle a question. Some may simply help you admire the wisdom of God in a verse you previously passed over too quickly.

It may also help to use this book devotionally. A reader could take one verse each day and spend time considering the seven truths connected to it. Another could take one chapter of 1 Corinthians and work through the lists as a chapter study. A pastor could preach through selected lists. A teacher could assign them for discussion. A student could expand each point into a paragraph of personal study. A family could choose one list for evening Bible reading. The structure is flexible, but the goal remains the same: to get the mind and heart into the word of God.

One of the great burdens behind this work is the recovery of careful Bible meditation. We live in an age of speed, distraction, noise, and shallow reading. Many people skim Scripture the way they skim headlines. They want quick inspiration without careful understanding. They want religious emotion without doctrinal grounding. They want application without interpretation. But the Bible calls for meditation, study, attention, remembrance, and obedience. The blessed man of Psalm 1 meditates in the law of the LORD day and night. The workman of 2 Timothy 2:15 studies to shew himself approved unto God. The noble Bereans searched the Scriptures daily. A shallow age needs deep roots. A distracted church needs disciplined attention. A confused generation needs ordered truth.

First Corinthians itself shows what happens when believers are not deeply governed by the word of God. They become impressed with personalities. They tolerate sin. They confuse liberty with license. They mistake gifts for maturity. They bring disorder into worship. They lose sight of charity. They become vulnerable to doctrinal error. They need correction not because they lack religion, but because their religion has not been brought into full submission to the mind of Christ. This is why the epistle is so valuable. It does not flatter the church. It corrects it. It does not merely comfort the saints. It chastens them. It does not permit spiritual childishness to remain unchallenged. It calls believers to grow up.

At the same time, 1 Corinthians is full of grace. Paul rebukes sharply, but he does not write as though the Corinthians are beyond hope. He begins by reminding them of what God has done for them in Christ. He calls them saints before he corrects their sins. He points them to the faithfulness of God before exposing their failures. He teaches them that Christ is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. He reminds them that they are washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by

the Spirit of our God. He shows them that God can correct a church because God has not abandoned it. Correction, when received rightly, is mercy.

That truth should shape the way this book is read. Do not read 1 Corinthians only as a record of another church's failures. Read it as instruction for your own soul. When Paul rebukes division, ask where pride divides you from brethren. When he rebukes carnality, ask where the flesh still rules your reactions. When he warns against fornication, ask whether your body is truly yielded to the Lord. When he teaches liberty, ask whether your freedom is governed by love. When he exalts charity, ask whether your knowledge has made you proud or useful. When he preaches resurrection, ask whether you are steadfast, unmoveable, and always abounding in the work of the Lord.

The lists in this book are therefore not designed merely to inform, but to provoke thought. They are meant to help you see the verse from multiple angles. They are meant to give handles to the text. They are meant to slow down your reading and deepen your retention. They are meant to help you teach others. They are meant to remind you that a single verse of Scripture can contain more than most people see at first glance. They are meant to demonstrate that Bible study is not exhausted by one reading, one sermon, one commentary, or one outline. The word of God is a deep well, and the faithful student must keep drawing.

There will be places where a list emphasizes doctrine. There will be places where it emphasizes practical application. There will be places where it emphasizes church order, personal holiness, ministry responsibility, spiritual discernment, or future hope. This variety reflects the epistle itself. First Corinthians does not allow the reader to live in only one category. It moves from grace to judgment, from fellowship to division, from the cross to carnality, from liberty to restraint, from gifts to charity, from resurrection to labor. A balanced Christian needs all of it. We need doctrine that humbles us, correction that cleanses us, charity that governs us, hope that strengthens us, and truth that steadies us.

This book is also written with the conviction that ordinary believers can study the Bible seriously. Deep Bible study is not reserved for seminaries, scholars, or professional theologians. The Holy Scriptures were given to God's people. A saved man with an open Bible, a humble heart, and a willingness to study can learn more truth than a proud scholar who approaches the Bible as a critic. That does not mean every believer will understand everything at once. It does mean that the word of God is not locked away from the saints. The same Spirit who inspired the Scriptures dwells in the believer. The same God who gave the word desires His people to know it, believe it, and obey it.

May this book therefore serve as a companion to your study of 1 Corinthians. May it help pastors preach more clearly, teachers teach more carefully, families discuss Scripture more fruitfully, and believers meditate more deeply. May it help young Christians see that the Bible is rich, orderly, practical, and alive. May it help seasoned Christians return to familiar verses with renewed attention. May it help churches think more biblically about ministry, holiness, liberty, worship, charity, and resurrection hope. Above all, may it magnify the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the foundation of the church, the wisdom of God, the crucified Saviour, the risen Lord, the Head of the body, and the coming Victor over death.

If this book accomplishes anything worthwhile, the glory belongs to God. The best any Bible teacher can do is point back to the Book God wrote. Human words fade. Human outlines can be improved. Human observations are limited. But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. The purpose of this work is not to draw attention to the labor behind it, but to direct attention to the treasure before us. First Corinthians is God's word. It is profitable. It is searching. It is corrective. It is strengthening. It is sufficient for the work God intends it to do in the hearts of His people.

So open your Bible. Read 1 Corinthians carefully. Let the lists guide your attention, but let the Scripture govern your heart. Do not be content merely to collect truths. Believe them. Teach them. Apply them. Pray over them. Measure your life by them. Let the cross humble you. Let the resurrection strengthen you. Let charity govern you. Let holiness separate you. Let doctrine establish you. Let the faithfulness of God comfort you. And as you move verse by verse through this great epistle, may you find again and again that no verse of God's word is empty, no line is wasted, and no sincere study of Scripture is ever in vain.

Chapter 1

1 Corinthians 1:1 – 7 Marks of a God-Called Ministry

1. **Divine Calling** – True ministry begins with God's call, not human ambition.
2. **Apostolic Authority** – Authority rests in Christ's commission, not popularity.
3. **Christ-Centered Office** – The title "apostle of Jesus Christ" fixes the focus on Him.

4. **God's Sovereign Will** – Service operates “through the will of God,” not personal plans.
5. **Accountability to Heaven** – A called man answers to Christ before he answers to men.
6. **Brotherly Fellowship** – “Sosthenes our brother” shows ministry is not a solo act.
7. **Transformed Vessel** – God uses former enemies as chosen instruments of grace.

1 Corinthians 1:2 – 7 Realities of a Sanctified Church

1. **Church Belongs to God** – It is “the church of God,” not a personality cult.
2. **Location With Testimony** – Corinth's worldliness did not erase God's ownership.
3. **Sanctified Position** – Believers are set apart “in Christ Jesus.”
4. **Called to Holiness** – They are “called to be saints,” not spectators.
5. **Universal Fellowship** – Unity extends to “all that in every place call” on Christ.
6. **Shared Lordship** – “Both theirs and ours” reminds all saints serve one Lord.
7. **Corporate Identity in Christ** – The church stands as a visible body under Christ's name.

1 Corinthians 1:3 – 7 Foundations of Spiritual Stability

1. **Grace First** – God's unearned favor precedes all growth.
2. **Peace Follows Grace** – Peace flows from right standing with God.
3. **Heavenly Source** – Blessings originate “from God our Father.”
4. **Family Relationship** – The Fatherhood of God defines church identity.
5. **Christ as Giver** – Grace and peace come “from the Lord Jesus Christ.”
6. **Divine Authority** – The title “Lord” establishes Christ's rule.
7. **Doctrinal Order** – Grace then peace guards against religious confusion.

1 Corinthians 1:4 – 7 Lessons in Grateful Ministry

1. **Upward Thanksgiving** – Paul thanks God before addressing people.
2. **Personal Fellowship** – “My God” reveals intimate reliance on the Lord.
3. **Continual Gratitude** – “Always” reflects unwavering prayerful concern.
4. **Intercessory Burden** – Thanksgiving is offered “on your behalf.”
5. **Grace-Centered Praise** – Paul rejoices in what God supplied, not human effort.
6. **Gifted by Christ** – Grace is “given... by Jesus Christ,” eliminating boasting.
7. **Hope for Growth** – Thanksgiving anticipates what God will continue to do.

1 Corinthians 1:5 – 7 Realities of Spiritual Enrichment

1. **Divine Provision** – Enrichment comes “by him,” not by human brilliance.
2. **Abundant Supply** – God furnished “in every thing” necessary for growth.
3. **Gifted Speech** – “All utterance” was granted for edification, not performance.
4. **Granted Knowledge** – “All knowledge” was given to guide obedience, not inflate pride.
5. **Grace-Based Wealth** – Spiritual riches flow from grace, not merit.
6. **Accountable Stewardship** – Enrichment increases responsibility before God.
7. **Potential for Misuse** – Gifts without charity become tools of carnality.

1 Corinthians 1:6 – 7 Proofs of a Confirmed Testimony

1. **Gospel Rooted Within** – The testimony of Christ was confirmed “in you.”
2. **Established Faith** – Confirmation signals settled belief, not passing emotion.
3. **Transformed Identity** – Christ’s witness reshaped their lives and community.
4. **Divine Authentication** – God validated the gospel through real spiritual fruit.
5. **Internal Assurance** – The testimony was planted inside, not merely heard outside.
6. **Public Witness** – Their church stood as evidence of Christ’s saving power.

7. **Heightened Responsibility** – Confirmed truth demands consistent conduct.

1 Corinthians 1:7 – 7 Lessons From Waiting With Gifts

1. **No Spiritual Deficiency** – They lacked “no gift” needed for ministry.
2. **Gifts Are Provision** – Spiritual endowments are tools, not trophies.
3. **Maturity Not Guaranteed** – Possessing gifts does not equal spiritual depth.
4. **Stewardship Required** – Every gift must serve edification and order.
5. **Active Expectancy** – “Waiting” means watchful living, not passive idleness.
6. **Hope-Fueled Purity** – Expecting Christ’s return purifies daily conduct.
7. **Lordship Remembered** – The coming “Lord Jesus Christ” governs present service.

1 Corinthians 1:8 – 7 Assurances of Christ’s Confirming Power

1. **Christ the Sustainer** – “Who shall also confirm you” centers security in Him.
2. **Divine Stability** – Confirmation strengthens believers amid instability.
3. **Perseverance Promised** – Christ confirms His own “unto the end.”
4. **Judicial Blamelessness** – Standing unaccused rests in Christ’s righteousness.
5. **Future Accountability** – The “day of our Lord” frames present conduct.
6. **Faithfulness of God** – Preservation flows from His character, not ours.
7. **Hope That Steadies** – Confidence in final presentation fuels faithful living now.

1 Corinthians 1:9 – 7 Anchors of Divine Faithfulness

1. **God’s Unchanging Character** – “God is faithful” secures every promise that follows.
2. **Heaven-Initiated Calling** – Salvation begins with God’s summons, not human initiative.
3. **Called Into Fellowship** – Believers are brought into living communion with Christ.

4. **Relationship Over Religion** – Fellowship replaces mere ritual and empty formality.
5. **Christ-Centered Identity** – The Son defines the believer’s position and purpose.
6. **Shared Participation** – Fellowship implies partnership in Christ’s life and mission.
7. **Lordship Governs Fellowship** – Jesus Christ as Lord sets the terms of communion.

1 Corinthians 1:10 – 7 Commands for Church Unity

1. **Apostolic Appeal** – “I beseech you” shows urgent pastoral correction.
2. **Authority of Christ’s Name** – Unity is commanded under the Lord’s authority.
3. **Unified Confession** – “Speak the same thing” demands doctrinal agreement.
4. **No Tolerated Schisms** – Divisions are not personality quirks but spiritual tears.
5. **Mended Fellowship** – “Perfectly joined together” calls for restoration.
6. **Shared Mindset** – The same mind reflects submission to Christ’s thinking.
7. **Common Judgment** – Unified discernment protects against factional drift.

1 Corinthians 1:11 – 7 Warnings About Contentions

1. **Credible Report** – The issue was declared, not imagined.
2. **Leadership Responsibility** – Spiritual authority must confront internal strife.
3. **Family Conflict Exposed** – Contentions among brethren shame Christ’s body.
4. **Speech Reveals Division** – Reports highlight talk that fuels factions.
5. **Pride as Root Cause** – Strife springs from self-exaltation.
6. **Witness at Risk** – Internal fighting weakens outward testimony.
7. **Correction as Mercy** – Exposure of conflict opens the door to healing.

1 Corinthians 1:12 – 7 Signs of Party Spirit

1. **Label-Based Identity** – “I am of Paul” replaces Christ with personality.
2. **Style Over Substance** – Loyalty to Apollos elevates eloquence above unity.

3. **Prestige Attachment** – Claiming Cephas seeks status through association.
4. **Spiritual Pride Disguised** – “I of Christ” can mask sectarian arrogance.
5. **Factional Speech Patterns** – Repeated slogans entrench division.
6. **Misused Servants** – God’s ministers become banners instead of helpers.
7. **Christ’s Headship Ignored** – Party spirit forgets that the body has one Head.

1 Corinthians 1:13 – 7 Questions That Shatter Party Spirit

1. **Christ Is Not Divided** – The body cannot fracture if the Head remains one.
2. **The Cross Defines Salvation** – Redemption belongs to the One who was crucified.
3. **No Substitute Savior** – No minister died for your sins but Christ.
4. **Human Loyalty Exposed** – Party spirit reveals misplaced devotion.
5. **The Cross Ends Boasting** – All pride collapses at Calvary.
6. **Baptism Identifies With Christ** – The ordinance confesses allegiance to the Lord.
7. **Christ Alone Is Central** – Every believer belongs to Him, not a faction.

1 Corinthians 1:14 – 7 Reasons Paul Limited Baptisms

1. **Gratitude for God’s Providence** – Paul thanks God for preventing misuse of his name.
2. **Avoiding Minister Worship** – Fewer baptisms meant fewer excuses to idolize him.
3. **Protecting Church Unity** – Limiting involvement reduced factional claims.
4. **Humility in Leadership** – Paul refused to build personal prestige.
5. **Keeping Christ the Focus** – The gospel remained the true center of ministry.
6. **Avoiding Fleshly Boasting** – Carnal believers would have used baptism as a trophy.
7. **Naming Only Exceptions** – Crispus and Gaius are mentioned for accuracy, not status.

1 Corinthians 1:15 – 7 Warnings Against Name-Based Religion

1. **Preventing Personal Branding** – Paul rejects ministry built around his name.
2. **Guarding Against Party Claims** – No one could say they belonged to Paul.
3. **Speech Shapes Division** – Factions grow through repeated slogans.
4. **Baptism Misused by Pride** – The ordinance can become a badge if the heart is wrong.
5. **Christ Alone Defines Identity** – Believers belong to Christ, not their baptizer.
6. **Humility in Spiritual Authority** – A true servant refuses personal glory.
7. **The Cross Above All Names** – Christ's sacrifice determines every believer's standing.

1 Corinthians 1:16 – 7 Details That Reveal Paul's Priorities

1. **Truthful Record Keeping** – Paul corrects himself to keep the account accurate.
2. **Acknowledging Stephanas's Household** – A faithful family connected to early ministry.
3. **Households Impact Churches** – God often builds ministry through committed homes.
4. **No Ministry Scoreboard** – Paul refuses to track baptisms as achievements.
5. **Gospel Above Statistics** – Preaching Christ mattered more than counting ceremonies.
6. **Humility in Memory** – Paul admits he may not remember every case.
7. **Christ Over the Baptizer** – The focus remains on the Lord, not the servant.

1 Corinthians 1:17 – 7 Priorities of True Gospel Ministry

1. **Christ's Commission First** – Paul reminds the Corinthians that Christ sent him primarily to preach the gospel, not to build a reputation through ceremonial acts.

2. **Preaching Above Ceremony** – The proclamation of the gospel takes priority over religious rituals when it comes to the salvation of souls.
3. **The Gospel as the Central Message** – Paul emphasizes that the core mission of ministry is declaring the good news of Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection.
4. **Rejecting Human Showmanship** – Paul refuses to rely on eloquent speech or philosophical rhetoric to persuade people.
5. **Guarding the Power of the Cross** – Human pride and clever speech can distract from the true power found in Christ’s sacrifice.
6. **Christ-Centered Ministry** – True ministry points people to Jesus rather than building loyalty to the minister.
7. **Faith Over Performance** – Salvation comes through faith in Christ, not through impressive religious activity.

1 Corinthians 1:18 – 7 Reactions to the Preaching of the Cross

1. **The Cross Offends Pride** – Those who reject the gospel see the message of a crucified Savior as foolish.
2. **Two Groups of Humanity** – Paul divides mankind into the perishing and the saved, showing the cross reveals the heart.
3. **Foolishness to the World** – Human wisdom cannot comprehend the necessity of a sacrificial Savior.
4. **Power to the Believer** – For those who believe, the cross demonstrates the saving power of God.
5. **The Cross Reveals Spiritual Blindness** – Rejection of the gospel shows a heart hardened by sin.
6. **Salvation Through God’s Power** – Redemption is not produced by human reasoning but by divine intervention.
7. **The Cross Changes Everything** – Those who believe experience transformation through the power of Christ’s sacrifice.

1 Corinthians 1:19 – 7 Ways God Overthrows Human Wisdom

1. **God Declares War on Pride** – Scripture reveals that God opposes wisdom that exalts itself against Him.
2. **Human Wisdom Is Temporary** – Intellectual systems rise and fall, but God’s truth remains.
3. **The Cross Destroys Boasting** – Salvation through Christ removes all grounds for human pride.
4. **Prideful Reasoning Is Exposed** – God reveals the emptiness of wisdom that rejects divine revelation.
5. **Divine Revelation Triumphs** – God’s Word stands above human philosophy and speculation.
6. **Intellectual Pride Leads to Blindness** – Those who trust in their own understanding often miss spiritual truth.
7. **True Wisdom Begins With God** – Real understanding starts with submission to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:20 – 7 Questions That Expose Worldly Wisdom

1. **Where Is the Wise?** – Philosophers claim understanding, yet their wisdom cannot save a soul.
2. **Where Is the Scribe?** – Religious scholars may study Scripture but still miss its fulfillment in Christ.
3. **Where Is the Disputer?** – Endless debates cannot provide redemption from sin.
4. **Worldly Wisdom Cannot Save** – Human reasoning cannot reconcile sinners to a holy God.
5. **God Exposes Intellectual Pride** – The cross reveals the limits of human understanding.
6. **Human Systems Collapse** – Philosophical and religious systems fail when confronted with the gospel.
7. **The Cross Is True Wisdom** – What the world calls foolishness is actually the wisdom and power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:21 – 7 Truths About God’s Way of Salvation

1. **Wisdom’s Failure** – Human intellect could not discover God on its own.
2. **God’s Sovereign Plan** – The inability of human wisdom unfolded within God’s deliberate design.
3. **Worldly Blindness** – Civilization developed knowledge but still remained spiritually ignorant of God.
4. **Divine Pleasure** – God Himself chose the method by which salvation would be revealed.
5. **Preaching’s Simplicity** – God used plain proclamation instead of philosophical complexity.
6. **Foolishness to the World** – The message of salvation appears absurd to natural human thinking.
7. **Belief Brings Salvation** – Those who trust the preached message receive God’s saving work.

1 Corinthians 1:22 – 7 Patterns of Unbelieving Expectations

1. **Demand for Signs** – Many seek spectacular proof before they will believe.
2. **Religious Pride** – Spiritual traditions can produce expectations that resist God’s true plan.
3. **Philosophical Curiosity** – Intellectual culture searches endlessly for satisfying theories.
4. **Human Conditions for Faith** – Both groups attempt to set their own requirements for belief.
5. **Misplaced Confidence** – Signs and intellectual systems become substitutes for true trust.
6. **Cultural Forms of Unbelief** – Religion and philosophy express the same heart resistance differently.
7. **Failure to Submit** – Both sign-seekers and wisdom-seekers reject God’s plain revelation.

1 Corinthians 1:23 – 7 Reactions to Christ Crucified

1. **Faithful Preaching** – God’s messengers proclaim Christ without altering the message.
2. **The Crucified Messiah** – The heart of the gospel is the death of Christ for sinners.
3. **Religious Offense** – The cross contradicts expectations of earthly triumph.
4. **Intellectual Mockery** – Philosophical pride dismisses the cross as irrational.
5. **The Stumbling Stone** – Those expecting glory without suffering trip over Christ.
6. **Foolishness to the World** – The natural mind rejects the logic of redemption through sacrifice.
7. **Unchanging Message** – Despite rejection, the church continues proclaiming Christ crucified.

1 Corinthians 1:24 – 7 Glories of the Called Believer

1. **God’s Effectual Call** – Salvation begins with God drawing the sinner to Christ.
2. **Unity Across Cultures** – Jews and Greeks alike are brought together through the gospel.
3. **Christ Revealed** – What looked offensive now becomes clear and precious.
4. **Power in the Cross** – Christ accomplishes what human strength cannot achieve.
5. **Divine Wisdom Displayed** – The cross reveals God’s perfect plan for redemption.
6. **Grace Over Pride** – God’s calling removes boasting and replaces it with gratitude.
7. **Christ as Everything** – The Savior Himself becomes both the power and wisdom of God to believers.

1 Corinthians 1:25 – 7 Reversals That Humble Human Pride

1. **God’s “Foolishness” Surpasses Men** – What men mock in God’s plan is still wiser than their best thinking.

2. **Human Wisdom Is Outclassed** – The greatest intellect on earth cannot rival the wisdom revealed in the cross.
3. **The Cross Redefines Strength** – What looked weak at Calvary was actually divine conquest.
4. **Pride Misjudges God's Ways** – Fallen man calls wisdom foolish and power weakness because he is spiritually blind.
5. **Christ's Death Was Not Defeat** – The crucifixion appeared weak but secured the greatest victory in history.
6. **God Needs No Human Upgrade** – The gospel does not require man's brilliance to make it effective.
7. **Boasting Is Silenced** – The verse leaves no room for man to glory in his own strength or intellect.

1 Corinthians 1:26 – 7 Realities Seen in God's Calling

1. **The Church Proves the Point** – Paul tells the Corinthians to look at themselves as evidence of God's method.
2. **Few Worldly Wise Are Central** – God does not ordinarily build His church on fleshly intellectual elites.
3. **Few Mighty Dominate the Kingdom** – Human influence is not the engine of divine work.
4. **Few Noble Set the Pattern** – Social rank and pedigree carry no saving advantage before God.
5. **Grace Levels the Room** – The call of God strips away every worldly distinction.
6. **The Flesh Has No Credit** – Salvation cannot be explained by natural brilliance, power, or class.
7. **Humility Fits the Called** – Anyone saved by grace has no reason left for self-importance.

1 Corinthians 1:27 – 7 Ways God Overthrows Worldly Greatness

1. **God Chooses Deliberately** – The lowly pattern of grace is intentional, not accidental.
2. **The World’s “Foolish” Become His Tools** – God uses what men laugh at to reveal their blindness.
3. **The Wise Are Confounded** – Human brilliance is exposed as powerless before divine truth.
4. **The Weak Become Witnesses** – God often works through what appears powerless to display His strength.
5. **Might Is Publicly Shamed** – The strong things of men collapse before God’s chosen means.
6. **Weakness Becomes a Stage** – What the world despises as weakness becomes the setting for divine power.
7. **Glory Returns to God** – The whole design removes boasting and redirects praise to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:28 – 7 Downward Choices of Divine Grace

1. **God Chooses the Base** – He works through the lowly and unimpressive by the world’s standards.
2. **God Chooses the Despised** – Those rejected by society are often received and used by Him.
3. **God Chooses “Things Which Are Not”** – He reaches into the category of nobodies and nonentities.
4. **Worldly Rank Is Overturned** – Human systems of worth are exposed as false and temporary.
5. **Established Pride Is Brought Low** – God uses the dismissed to nullify what men think is solid.
6. **Grace Creates True Value** – The worth of a believer is defined by God’s choice, not man’s approval.
7. **The Flesh Is Left Speechless** – By choosing the overlooked, God brings all boasting to nothing.

1 Corinthians 1:29 - 7 Reasons No Flesh Can Boast

1. **God Designed Grace This Way** - Salvation is arranged to shut the mouth of human pride.
2. **All Flesh Is Exposed** - Every class of humanity stands equally empty before God.
3. **Boasting Is Excluded** - No sinner can claim personal credit for divine mercy.
4. **The Cross Ends Self-Glory** - Calvary removes every ground of self-congratulation.
5. **God's Presence humbles Man** - Human greatness collapses under the holiness of God.
6. **Grace Leaves No Competition** - The saved stand on one basis only, the work of Christ.
7. **Worship Replaces Pride** - The sinner saved by grace is left with gratitude, not bragging.

1 Corinthians 1:30 - 7 Gifts Found Only in Christ

1. **Our Position Is of God** - The believer stands in Christ because God placed him there.
2. **Christ Is Our Wisdom** - True understanding of God and salvation is found in Him alone.
3. **Christ Is Our Righteousness** - Our right standing before God rests on His merit, not ours.
4. **Christ Is Our Sanctification** - Holiness flows from union with Christ, not fleshly effort.
5. **Christ Is Our Redemption** - He purchased and secures the believer from beginning to end.
6. **Christ Is the Complete Answer** - Every spiritual need of the sinner is fully met in Him.

7. **Boasting Dies in Sufficiency** - Since Christ is everything, the flesh has nothing left to claim.

1 Corinthians 1:31 - 7 Ways to Glory in the Lord

1. **Scripture Settles the Matter** - God's written word directs all glory away from man.
2. **Boasting Must Be Redirected** - The instinct to glory is not removed but aimed at the Lord.
3. **Christ Becomes the Only Boast** - The saved rejoice in the Savior, not in themselves.
4. **Grace Silences Self-Praise** - Salvation leaves no room for human applause.
5. **Worship Replaces Vanity** - The heart rescued by grace celebrates God's greatness.
6. **Humility Guards the Believer** - Glorifying in the Lord protects from fleshly pride.
7. **All Praise Returns to God** - The final purpose of salvation is the exaltation of the Lord alone.

Chapter 2

1 Corinthians 2:1 – 7 Marks of Paul's Plain Entrance

1. **Brotherly Approach** – Paul came as a brother in Christ, not as a performer seeking admiration.
2. **A Real Arrival** – His ministry in Corinth was lived out in person, not built on distant reputation.
3. **No Rhetorical Show** – He refused the polished speech Corinth naturally admired.
4. **No Fleshly Impressiveness** – Paul would not package the gospel in worldly eloquence.
5. **Wisdom Rejected** – He did not lean on human philosophy to make truth seem acceptable.
6. **God's Testimony Declared** – His message was not self-invented but delivered as divine witness.

7. **Christ Above the Messenger** – The focus was on God’s truth, not Paul’s personality.

1 Corinthians 2:2 – 7 Priorities of a Cross-Centered Ministry

1. **A Settled Determination** – Paul consciously chose what would govern his preaching.
2. **No Distracting Center** – He refused to let secondary matters become the main subject.
3. **Christ as the Theme** – Jesus Christ Himself stood at the heart of all Paul declared.
4. **The Crucified Savior** – Paul would not preach a Christ detached from Calvary.
5. **The Cross as the Cure** – Every Corinthian problem found its answer in Christ crucified.
6. **No Philosophical Gospel** – Paul would not turn Christianity into a system for admiration.
7. **One Supreme Emphasis** – The whole ministry was anchored in the Person and work of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:3 – 7 Lessons From Paul’s Weakness

1. **A Personal Presence** – Paul reminds them how he actually lived among them.
2. **Weakness Admitted** – He did not pretend natural sufficiency in himself.
3. **Holy Fear Felt** – Paul carried sober reverence in handling eternal things.
4. **Much Trembling Known** – His ministry was marked by dependence, not swagger.
5. **No Fleshly Heroics** – God did not build Corinth through natural confidence.
6. **Power Through Frailty** – Paul’s weakness became the setting for God’s strength.
7. **Grace Above Personality** – The church’s existence proved the work was divine, not human.

1 Corinthians 2:4 – 7 Proofs of Spirit-Empowered Preaching

1. **Speech Without Enticement** – Paul’s communication was not crafted to charm the flesh.
2. **Preaching Without Manipulation** – He refused persuasive tricks rooted in human wisdom.
3. **Man’s Wisdom Rejected** – Corinthian-style intellectual seduction had no place in his method.
4. **The Spirit Demonstrated** – The true proof of ministry was the Holy Ghost at work.
5. **Power Beyond Technique** – Real effect came from God, not from polished delivery.
6. **Christ Above Performance** – The message remained stronger than the messenger’s style.
7. **Faith Protected From Flesh** – Paul preached this way so believers would rest in God’s power.

1 Corinthians 2:5 – 7 Foundations of God-Centered Faith

1. **Faith Needs a Foundation** – Paul shows that true faith must rest on something stable and real.
2. **Man’s Wisdom Is Unstable** – Human brilliance cannot support saving faith.
3. **Persuasion Can Mislead** – A faith built on personality or polish will shake when the flesh fails.
4. **God’s Power Secures Belief** – Real faith stands because God Himself is the source behind it.
5. **The Gospel Produces Strength** – The message of Christ creates a deeper confidence than human methods ever can.
6. **Spiritual Stability Matters** – Paul preached the way he did to protect the Corinthians from shallow dependence.
7. **Christ Must Remain Central** – Faith stands firm only when rooted in God’s power through the gospel.

1 Corinthians 2:6 – 7 Marks of True Spiritual Wisdom

1. **Wisdom Still Exists** – Paul is not rejecting wisdom itself, only the world’s counterfeit version of it.
2. **Maturity Can Receive It** – Spiritual depth is understood best by those who have grown beyond fleshly thinking.
3. **Worldly Wisdom Is Excluded** – The apostolic message does not arise from the age’s intellectual systems.
4. **Princes Lack This Insight** – Earthly rulers and influencers are not the source of divine truth.
5. **God’s Wisdom Is Higher** – Spiritual wisdom belongs to another order entirely.
6. **Present Glory Fades** – The systems and leaders of this world are all passing away.
7. **Eternal Truth Endures** – What God reveals remains when worldly greatness collapses.

1 Corinthians 2:7 – 7 Wonders of God’s Hidden Wisdom

1. **God’s Wisdom Is Revealed** – The gospel comes from divine disclosure, not human discovery.
2. **A Mystery Once Hidden** – This truth was concealed until God chose to make it known.
3. **The Plan Was Eternal** – God ordained this wisdom before the world began.
4. **Human Pride Could Not Find It** – The world’s best minds could not uncover what God had hidden.
5. **Christ Stands at the Center** – The mystery is fulfilled in God’s redemptive work through His Son.
6. **Grace Unveils the Secret** – Believers know this wisdom because God has revealed it to them.
7. **Glory Is the Outcome** – God’s hidden wisdom was ordained for the final glory of His people.

1 Corinthians 2:8 – 7 Proofs of the World’s Blindness

1. **Princes Can Be Blind** – Earthly rulers may hold power and still miss God’s truth completely.
2. **Position Does Not Equal Insight** – Authority and rank do not guarantee spiritual understanding.
3. **Ignorance Leads to Wickedness** – Their failure to know Christ resulted in the crucifixion.
4. **The Cross Exposed Their Darkness** – The rulers judged Christ while proving their own blindness.
5. **God Overruled Their Evil** – Their wicked act still served the purpose of divine wisdom.
6. **Christ Is the Lord of Glory** – The One they crucified was no mere man, but the glorious Lord Himself.
7. **Worldly Power Is Not Ultimate** – The rulers acted boldly, yet they never stood above God’s eternal plan.

1 Corinthians 2:9 - 7 Truths About What Flesh Cannot Reach

1. **Natural sight falls short** - The eye cannot discover what God has prepared by mere observation.
2. **Natural hearing is limited** - The ear may receive sounds without grasping divine reality.
3. **Man’s heart cannot invent it** - The gospel did not rise from human imagination or religious creativity.
4. **God’s treasures are prepared** - What believers receive was arranged by God, not produced by man.
5. **Revelation is necessary** - Divine truth must be made known from above because flesh cannot climb to it.

6. **Love marks the heirs** - These prepared things belong to those whose hearts are turned toward God.
7. **Grace outshines human reach** - What God gives is greater than anything man could ever discover on his own.

1 Corinthians 2:10 - 7 Ways the Spirit Opens God's Wisdom

1. **God breaks the darkness** - What man could not find, God chose to reveal.
2. **The Spirit is the revealer** - Divine truth is made known by the Holy Ghost, not human brilliance.
3. **Hidden things are uncovered** - What was once concealed in God's purpose is now brought into light.
4. **The Spirit searches perfectly** - He knows without limitation because nothing in God is hidden from Him.
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1 Corinthians 2:11 - 7 Proofs That God Must Reveal Himself

1. **Inner things require access** - A man's inward life is known properly from within, not merely from the outside.
2. **Human knowledge has limits** - Observation alone cannot fully penetrate another person's inner thoughts.
3. **The analogy points upward** - Paul uses human experience to explain divine revelation.
4. **God's things are unreachable naturally** - No man can break into the mind of God by fleshly power.

5. **The Spirit alone knows fully** - The Spirit of God understands the things of God completely.
6. **Revelation is not optional** - Without the Spirit, the deepest truths remain closed to fallen man.
7. **The Holy Ghost is exalted** - This verse shows the Spirit's divine authority and perfect knowledge.

1 Corinthians 2:12 - 7 Gifts the Spirit Helps Believers Know

1. **The Spirit is received** - The believer's spiritual life begins with divine gift, not human achievement.
2. **The world's spirit is rejected** - Christians are not meant to think and live by worldly impulses.
3. **God gives His own Spirit** - The source of Christian understanding is divine, not cultural or fleshly.
4. **Knowledge is God's purpose** - The Spirit is given so believers may truly know what God has done.
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Chapter 3

1 Corinthians 3:1 - 7 Signs of Spiritual Childhood

1. **Brethren Can Be Immature** - Paul speaks to saved people who are still not walking as they should.
2. **Spiritual Capacity Was Missing** - He could not address them as truly spiritual because their condition would not bear it.
3. **Carnality Was Evident** - Their lives were still being governed by fleshly impulses rather than by the Spirit.
4. **Babes Need Simplicity** - Paul had to speak to them on the level of spiritual infancy.
5. **Union With Christ Was Real** - They were babes “in Christ,” not strangers to Him.
6. **Grace Did Not Excuse Childhood** - Their standing in Christ did not remove the shame of remaining immature.
7. **Doctrine Met Reality** - What Paul taught in chapter 2 had to be applied to their actual church condition.

1 Corinthians 3:2 - 7 Lessons From a Milk Diet

1. **Milk Was Necessary** - Paul gave them basic nourishment because that was all they could handle.
2. **Meat Was Withheld** - Stronger truth could not profit them in their present state.
3. **Inability Was the Problem** - The limitation was not in Paul’s message but in their spiritual weakness.
4. **Truth Has Weight** - Strong doctrine requires maturity, humility, and discernment to bear it rightly.
5. **Growth Had Stalled** - They were still where babies are supposed to start, not where believers should remain.
6. **Time Alone Had Not Matured Them** - Passing years did not automatically produce spiritual strength.

7. **Immaturity Became Shameful** - The tragedy was not that they once needed milk, but that they still did.

1 Corinthians 3:3 - 7 Proofs the Flesh Was Still Winning

1. **Carnality Continued** - Paul says they were yet carnal, showing the problem was still active.
2. **Envy Revealed the Heart** - Jealous comparison proved that self was still ruling inside.
3. **Strife Exposed the Spirit** - Their conflicts showed they were handling things like fleshly men.
4. **Divisions Made It Visible** - What was inwardly wrong had now fractured the church outwardly.
5. **Speech Matched the Flesh** - Their relationships were reflecting worldly reactions instead of spiritual grace.
6. **The World's Pattern Was Showing** - They were walking as men rather than as Spirit-governed believers.
7. **The Diagnosis Was Clear** - Paul forces them to admit that their fruit proved their carnality.

1 Corinthians 3:4 - 7 Warnings About Party Spirit

1. **Slogans Expose the Heart** - Their words revealed the factionalism growing inside the church.
2. **Paul Became a Banner** - Some were using Paul's name as a badge of identity instead of a reason for gratitude.
3. **Apollos Became a Camp** - Others were doing the same with Apollos and building another fleshly circle.
4. **Servants Were Misused** - Faithful ministers were being turned into labels for tribal loyalty.
5. **Preference Became Pride** - What sounded like appreciation had become self-defining attachment.

6. **Carnality Hid Behind Loyalty** - Their party spirit wore respectable language while remaining fleshly at root.
7. **Christ Was Being Overshadowed** - The moment men became the center, the church was already acting carnally.

1 Corinthians 3:5 – 7 Truths About God’s Servants

1. **Ministers Are Not Masters** - Paul and Apollos are identified as servants, not spiritual lords.
2. **Faith Came Through Instruments** - God used human messengers as channels through whom the Corinthians believed.
3. **The Spotlight Is Removed** - Paul refuses to let his own name become a center of glory.
4. **Apollos Is Leveled Too** - No gifted servant is allowed to become a rival banner in the church.
5. **The Lord Assigned the Roles** - Every measure of usefulness was given by Christ, not self-produced.
6. **Gratitude Must Stay Clean** - Believers may thank God for ministers without turning them into idols.
7. **All Ministry Stays Under Christ** - The right view of servants always pushes glory back to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 3:6 – 7 Lessons From Planting and Watering

1. **Planting Has Its Place** - Paul’s labor began the work in Corinth through gospel preaching.
2. **Watering Matters Too** - Apollos strengthened and nourished what had already begun.
3. **Different Tasks Serve One Work** - Distinct roles do not mean competing kingdoms.
4. **Servants Are Complementary** - One man’s usefulness does not cancel another man’s assignment.

5. **Life Cannot Be Manufactured** - Neither planter nor waterer can create spiritual growth.
6. **God Gives the Increase** - All real fruit, life, and development come from the Lord alone.
7. **Boasting Is Cut Off** - Since God gives the increase, men must not glory in instruments.

1 Corinthians 3:7 – 7 Reasons No Servant Can Be the Center

1. **The Conclusion Is Clear** - Paul draws out the full implication of the previous verse.
2. **The Planter Is Not the Source** - The man who starts a work is not the giver of life.
3. **The Waterer Is Not the Source** - The one who nourishes growth cannot create it either.
4. **Instruments Are Secondary** - Servants matter only in their assigned place under God.
5. **God Alone Is Primary** - The increase belongs entirely to Him.
6. **Pride Is Exposed** - Minister worship collapses when God is seen as the only life-giver.
7. **Faithful Labor Is Stabilized** - Servants are freed from both boasting and despair when increase is left to God.

1 Corinthians 3:8 – 7 Principles of United Labor

1. **Different Workers Can Be One** - The planter and waterer are united in Christ's work.
2. **Function Does Not Mean Rivalry** - Distinct callings are not grounds for division.
3. **Unity Is Deeper Than Style** - Faithful servants share one purpose even when their labors differ.
4. **God Sees Each Laborer** - Personal faithfulness is not lost in the larger work.
5. **Reward Is Individual** - Each servant will answer for his own labor before God.

6. **Human Applause Is Not the Measure** - Reward is based on labor, not popularity or noise.
7. **The Lord Settles the Matter** - God alone will judge and reward every worker rightly.

1 Corinthians 3:9 – 7 Truths About God’s Work and God’s Property

1. **Servants Labor Under God** - Paul and Apollos are fellow workers under divine authority, not independent operators.
2. **Rivalry Is Rebuked** - The verse destroys the idea that faithful ministers are competing kingdoms.
3. **The Church Is a Field** - The Corinthians are described as God’s husbandry, showing they are under cultivation for fruit.
4. **The Church Is a Building** - They are also God’s building, emphasizing order, structure, and careful construction.
5. **Ownership Belongs to God** - Both images stress that the church belongs to Him, not to men or parties.
6. **Members Are Not Spectators** - They are the object of God’s work, not an audience grading preachers.
7. **Ministry Must Stay Reverent** - Since the field and building are God’s, they must be handled with holy care.

1 Corinthians 3:10 – 7 Warnings for Those Who Build on Christ

1. **Grace Enables the Work** - Paul begins by tracing his labor back to grace given by God.
2. **Wisdom Is Required** - A masterbuilder must work with spiritual understanding, not carelessness.
3. **Foundations Matter** - Paul’s labor in Corinth began with laying the right base for the church.
4. **Others Will Continue** - One servant may begin the work while another builds on what was started.

5. **Succession Requires Care** - Later laborers must not treat the earlier foundation lightly.
6. **Every Builder Must Watch Himself** - Paul makes the warning personal and broad with “every man.”
7. **The Manner Matters** - It is not enough to build; the real issue is how one builds on Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:11 – 7 Certainties About the Only Foundation

1. **There Is Only One Base** - Paul leaves no room for alternate supports beneath the church.
2. **No Man Can Improve It** - Human effort cannot create a better foundation than God has already given.
3. **The Foundation Is Already Laid** - The issue is settled by God and not open to revision.
4. **Jesus Christ Is the Foundation** - The church rests on a Person, not a system, movement, or institution.
5. **False Foundations Will Fail** - Anything built on law, personality, tradition, or fleshly substitutes is doomed.
6. **Servants Must Stay Secondary** - Ministers may build, but they must never become foundational in place of Christ.
7. **Stability Is Found in Him Alone** - Since Christ is the only foundation, all lasting strength and safety are in Him.

1 Corinthians 3:12 – 7 Lessons About What Men Build With

1. **Building Continues After the Foundation** - Having Christ as the base does not remove the need for careful construction.
2. **Not All Materials Are Equal** - Paul distinguishes between durable substance and cheap, perishable additions.
3. **Gold Speaks of Lasting Value** - Some work carries real spiritual weight and worth before God.

4. **Silver and Precious Stones Endure** - Sound doctrine, holy motives, and careful labor can stand testing.
5. **Wood Is Weaker Material** - Some work has visible form but lacks lasting strength.
6. **Hay and Stubble Are Cheap** - Shallow, fleshly, and temporary additions may rise fast but will not endure.
7. **The Real Question Is Substance** - Paul teaches the church to judge work by what it is made of, not merely by how it looks.

1 Corinthians 3:13 – 7 Warnings From the Testing Fire

1. **Every Work Will Be Exposed** - Nothing built in God's work will remain hidden forever.
2. **The Day Will Declare It** - Final truth about a man's labor will come out in God's appointed time.
3. **Fire Reveals Reality** - Divine testing uncovers what the work truly is.
4. **Appearance Is Not Enough** - What looked strong before men may still fail before God.
5. **Every Builder Is Included** - No laborer escapes the searching test of his work.
6. **Quality Is the Issue** - The fire examines what sort of work was built, not just how much.
7. **God's Judgment Is Honest** - The Lord's testing will tell the truth men often avoid.

1 Corinthians 3:14 – 7 Blessings of Enduring Work

1. **Some Work Remains** - What is built with lasting substance will survive the fire.
2. **Abiding Is the Real Test** - Endurance matters more than noise or early admiration.
3. **The Builder Is Not Forgotten** - God takes personal notice of faithful labor.
4. **Reward Is Promised** - The Lord will honor work that stands in His sight.
5. **Faithfulness Is Worth It** - Labor done rightly is never wasted before Christ.

6. **Hidden Value Will Be Seen** - Quiet, durable work will be manifested in the day of testing.
7. **Christ Rewards His Servants** - The final reward comes from Him, not from public applause.

1 Corinthians 3:15 – 7 Realities of Burned Work

1. **Some Work Will Burn** - Not everything built on Christ will endure the fire.
2. **Loss Can Be Suffered** - A believer may lose reward through poor building.
3. **Activity Is Not Enough** - Visible labor can still prove worthless in eternal terms.
4. **Salvation Still Stands** - The man himself remains saved though his work is consumed.
5. **Reward and Salvation Differ** - A saved man may still face loss in the judgment of his labor.
6. **Bare Escape Is Sobering** - Being saved “so as by fire” is mercy, but not the blessed outcome of faithful reward.
7. **Careless Building Is Costly** - Sloppy ministry and shallow materials bring serious consequences.

1 Corinthians 3:16 – 7 Truths About God’s Temple

1. **The Church Is Holy Ground** - Paul reminds them that the assembly is the temple of God.
2. **This Should Already Be Known** - Their conduct was contradicting truth they should have remembered.
3. **God Dwells Among His People** - The Spirit of God is present in the church, not absent from it.
4. **Carnality Becomes More Serious** - Fleshly division in the church is worse because it happens where God dwells.
5. **The Assembly Is Not Common** - The church must not be treated like an ordinary human institution.

6. **The Spirit Makes It Sacred** - The church is holy because of divine indwelling, not human architecture.
7. **Reverence Is Required** - Since the Spirit of God dwells there, the church must be handled with fear and care.

1 Corinthians 3:17 – 7 Warnings About Defiling God’s Temple

1. **The Church Is Holy** – Paul reminds them the temple of God is not common ground.
2. **Defilement Is Serious** – To corrupt the church is more than poor judgment; it is spiritual pollution.
3. **God Sees the Damage** – Men may minimize the harm, but God marks it clearly.
4. **The Destroyer Is Answerable** – The one who corrupts the temple will face God’s judgment.
5. **Holiness Raises the Stakes** – Because the church is holy, attacks on it are treated with severity.
6. **The Assembly Is God’s Dwelling** – The Spirit’s presence makes the church sacred.
7. **Careless Hands Become Dangerous** – Anyone who handles the church recklessly is touching what belongs to God.

1 Corinthians 3:18 – 7 Calls to Renounce Worldly Wisdom

1. **Self-Deception Must End** – The first danger Paul names is a man lying to himself.
2. **Church Men Can Be Worldly-Wise** – The warning is aimed at men inside the assembly, not only outside critics.
3. **Worldly Wisdom Is Suspect** – What seems wise in this world is not automatically wise before God.
4. **Pride Must Come Down** – A man must abandon confidence in worldly cleverness.
5. **Becoming a Fool Is Required** – He must be willing to be counted foolish for Christ’s sake.

6. **True Wisdom Comes Through Humility** – Real wisdom begins where worldly self-importance dies.
7. **The Door to Wisdom Is Low** – A man enters true wisdom by stooping under God's truth, not standing tall in pride.

1 Corinthians 3:19 – 7 Reasons Worldly Wisdom Cannot Stand

1. **God Calls It Foolishness** – The wisdom of this world is not neutral with God but condemned.
2. **The World's Standard Is Reversed** – What men admire, God often exposes as folly.
3. **Scripture Settles the Matter** – Paul anchors the verdict in what is written.
4. **Craftiness Is Not Strength** – Human cleverness is not superior wisdom before God.
5. **God Catches the Wise** – The worldly-wise are trapped in the very schemes they trust.
6. **Subtlety Ends in Exposure** – Their own devices become the means of their downfall.
7. **The Church Must Not Borrow It** – Since God condemns worldly wisdom, believers must not govern the church by it.

1 Corinthians 3:20 – 7 Truths About the Thoughts of the Wise

1. **God Sees the Inside** – The Lord knows not only words and systems but the thoughts behind them.
2. **Polish Cannot Hide Pride** – Human brilliance does not conceal the heart from God.
3. **Worldly Thoughts Are Empty** – God's verdict on the wise man's thoughts is that they are vain.
4. **Depth Can Be Hollow** – What appears profound to men may still be empty before heaven.
5. **The Lord Is Not Impressed** – No human sophistication intimidates or deceives God.
6. **Repeated Witness Confirms It** – Paul brings a second Scripture to seal the judgment.

7. **True Wisdom Must Come From Above** – Since worldly thoughts are vain, the believer must seek wisdom from God.

1 Corinthians 3:21 – 7 Commands That End Human Boasting

1. **The Argument Reaches a Conclusion** - Paul's "therefore" shows the time for factional thinking is over.
2. **No One Is Exempt** - The command reaches every believer, not just the loudest party spirit.
3. **Glorying in Men Must Stop** - Human instruments must never become objects of boasting.
4. **Ministers Are Not the Prize** - Paul forbids turning servants into badges of identity.
5. **Christ Makes Faction Needless** - Believers do not need human banners when they already belong to Christ.
6. **Abundance Replaces Scarcity** - The saints were acting poor while standing in spiritual wealth.
7. **All Things Belong in Christ** - Paul begins lifting their eyes from men to inheritance.

1 Corinthians 3:22 – 7 Riches the Saints Already Possess

1. **Servants Are Gifts** - Paul, Apollos, and Cephas belong to the church as God-given helps.
2. **The World Is Not Master** - Even the world stands under Christ's rule for the believer's good.
3. **Life Serves God's Purpose** - Every season of life is brought under Christ for the saints.
4. **Death Has Lost Its Tyranny** - Even death is made to serve the believer in Christ.
5. **The Present Is Covered** - What is happening now is not outside the Lord's dominion.

6. **The Future Is Secured** - Things to come already stand under Christ's lordship.
7. **The Inheritance Is Vast** - Paul gathers it all together by saying all are yours.

1 Corinthians 3:23 – 7 Truths About Belonging to Christ

1. **Christ Is the True Identity** - The believer's deepest identity is not in men but in Christ.
2. **Party Labels Are Too Small** - Paul destroys all lesser loyalties by lifting them to Christ.
3. **Belonging Brings Security** - To be Christ's means to be possessed, kept, and held by Him.
4. **The Church Is Not Its Own** - The saints do not belong to themselves or to their favorite leaders.
5. **Inheritance Stays Ordered** - Their riches in Christ never make them independent of Him.
6. **Christ Stands in Divine Order** - Paul places everything under the holy relation of Christ to God.
7. **All Things End in God** - The whole chapter closes by restoring divine order over human pride.

1 Corinthians 4:1 – 7 Right Ways to Regard God's Servants

1. **Ministers Must Be Accounted Properly** - Paul tells the church to think about servants in God's categories, not fleshly ones.
2. **They Are Ministers of Christ** - Their dignity comes from serving Christ, not from personal greatness.
3. **They Are Not the Center** - Ministers point to Christ and must never become objects of glorying.
4. **They Are Stewards** - They handle what belongs to another and remain under accountability.

5. **The Treasure Is God's** - The mysteries they manage are divine revelation, not self-made ideas.
6. **Stewardship Is Holy** - Ministry involves handling entrusted truth with reverence and care.
7. **Wrong Accounting Breeds Carnality** - When the church misjudges ministers, it either idolizes them or misuses them.

1 Corinthians 4:2 – 7 Requirements of a Faithful Steward

1. **The Standard Is Required** - Faithfulness is not optional or decorative in stewardship.
2. **The Office Defines the Duty** - Since a man is a steward, he must handle another's goods rightly.
3. **Faithfulness Outweighs Brilliance** - God's requirement is not flash but trustworthiness.
4. **The Steward Must Be Found** - The issue is what he proves to be under examination, not what he claims.
5. **God's Trust Must Be Preserved** - The mysteries of God must not be tampered with or diluted.
6. **Endurance Matters** - Faithfulness includes staying true over time, not just starting strongly.
7. **Heaven's Measure Is Clear** - God judges stewardship by fidelity to the trust, not by worldly success.

1 Corinthians 4:3 – 7 Freedoms of a God-Governed Servant

1. **Human Opinion Is Small** - Paul refuses to treat Corinth's judgment as a final court.
2. **Carnal Critics Are Limited** - Fleshly people are not competent to render ultimate verdicts on spiritual stewardship.
3. **Man's Tribunal Is Not Supreme** - Public judgment cannot hold the place of the Lord's judgment.

4. **The Servant Must Not Be Man-Ruled** - Ministry collapses when it becomes enslaved to opinion.
5. **Even the Church Can Misjudge** - Being “among the saints” does not make every verdict sound.
6. **Self-Protection Is Not the Answer** - Paul is not defensive, only rightly ordered in his priorities.
7. **Freedom Comes From a Higher Court** - The servant stays steady because he knows another judgment matters more.

1 Corinthians 4:4 – 7 Lessons About the Lord’s Final Verdict

1. **A Clear Conscience Has Limits** - Paul is not conscious of unfaithfulness, but does not treat that as final proof.
2. **Self-Approval Is Not Justification** - Feeling innocent does not equal being fully vindicated before God.
3. **The Heart Has Blind Spots** - A man may not see all that the Lord sees in his own service.
4. **The Lord Is the True Judge** - Christ alone gives the final and righteous verdict on stewardship.
5. **Fear of God Replaces Self-Trust** - Paul refuses to enthrone either public opinion or private feeling.
6. **Ministry Is Lived Before Christ** - The servant works under the eye of the Lord, not merely before the crowd.
7. **Right Judgment Produces Stability** - A man anchored in the Lord’s verdict is freed from both vanity and despair.

1 Corinthians 4:5 - 7 Truths About God’s Final Judgment

1. **The Lord’s Timing Matters Most** - Believers are commanded to wait for God’s appointed time before final judgment is rendered.
2. **Premature Verdicts Are Forbidden** - Men are not qualified to settle a case fully before

the Lord appears.

3. Hidden Darkness Will Be Exposed - Secret sins and concealed corruption will not remain buried forever.

4. Heart Motives Will Be Revealed - God will uncover the inward counsels behind outward conduct.

5. Christ Alone Judges Perfectly - The Lord sees what men cannot see and knows what men cannot know.

6. Human Praise Is Not Final - Earthly opinions are temporary and often badly mistaken.

7. God Will Commend Faithfulness - In the end, true praise will come from God and not from men.

1 Corinthians 4:6 - 7 Lessons on Keeping Men in Their Place

1. Paul Used Himself as an Example - He framed the issue through himself and Apollos for the Corinthians' benefit.

2. Spiritual Truth Must Be Learned - The church was expected to grow by what was set before them.

3. Scripture Sets the Boundary - Men must never be thought of above what is written.

4. Minister Worship Is Dangerous - Exalting preachers beyond biblical measure leads to corruption.

5. Pride Feeds Party Spirit - Fleshly loyalties create camps and rivalries in the church.

6. Carnality Distorts Good Ministry - Useful servants can be turned into banners for division.

7. Humility Protects the Church - A church stays sound when all men are kept under the Book.

1 Corinthians 4:7 - 7 Questions That Destroy Spiritual Boasting

1. God Makes the Difference - Any profitable distinction in a believer comes from God.

2. Nothing Good Is Self-Made - Every gift, ability, and opportunity is received.

3. Pride Forgets the Giver - Boasting grows when a man ignores where his blessings came from.

4. Grace Leaves No Room for Swagger - Received mercies cannot honestly be used for self-glory.

5. Comparison Becomes Foolish - Men cannot boast over others when all they have is borrowed.

6. Stewardship Replaces Ownership - The believer is a receiver and manager, not an

independent source.

7. Glory Belongs to the Lord - Since all is received, all praise should return to God.

1 Corinthians 4:8 - 7 Warnings Against Imaginary Reigning

1. Self-Fullness Can Be Deceptive - A person may feel full while actually being full of self.

2. Riches Can Be Misread - Spiritual privilege can be twisted into carnal pride.

3. Pride Pretends Arrival - Flesh likes to act as though it has already reached the kingdom.

4. False Reigning Ignores Suffering - Real Christian life in this age still includes hardship and reproach.

5. Apostolic Pattern Exposes Delusion - The suffering of the apostles proves the reign is not fully here yet.

6. The True Kingdom Is Future - Believers will reign with Christ, but that open rule is still ahead.

7. Humility Must Replace Swagger - Saints should walk as waiting servants, not as self-crowned kings.

1 Corinthians 4:9 - 7 Realities of Apostolic Exposure

1. God Put Them on Display - The apostles were publicly set forth by God in a visible place of suffering.

2. They Were Counted Last - Apostolic life in this age was marked by lowliness rather than worldly rank.

3. Death Shadowed Their Ministry - They lived like men appointed to die for the testimony of Christ.

4. The World Watched Their Suffering - Their hardships were visible before a hostile and unbelieving audience.

5. Angels Observed the Scene - The unseen realm was witnessing God's wisdom through their lives.

6. Men Misread Their Weakness - Human observers often judged apostolic suffering as failure instead of faithfulness.

7. True Ministry Is Public Testimony - Their lives became a living witness to Christ before every audience.

1 Corinthians 4:10 - 7 Contrasts That Expose Carnal Christianity

- 1. Fools for Christ's Sake** - Faithful servants may look foolish because they refuse to betray the truth.
- 2. Wise in Their Own Eyes** - The Corinthians imagined themselves spiritually impressive and above reproach.
- 3. Apostolic Weakness Was Real** - The apostles lived in visible dependence rather than worldly strength.
- 4. Corinthian Strength Was Inflated** - Their confidence was more fleshly self-estimation than real spiritual power.
- 5. Respectability Can Be Dangerous** - Being honorable before men can hide drift from the reproach of Christ.
- 6. Despised Men May Be Faithful** - The apostles were looked down on precisely because they stood with Christ.
- 7. The Cross Reverses Human Values** - What the world admires and what God approves are often very different.

1 Corinthians 4:11 - 7 Marks of Pilgrim Ministry

- 1. The Hardship Was Current** - Paul says these sufferings continued even unto that present hour.
- 2. Hunger Touched the Body** - Real ministry did not shield the apostles from physical want.
- 3. Thirst Revealed Their Need** - They endured deprivation without losing their calling or purpose.
- 4. Outward Lack Was Visible** - Their poor clothing showed that faithfulness was not dressed in earthly splendor.
- 5. They Were Physically Buffeted** - Apostolic witness brought real hostility and bodily mistreatment.
- 6. Stability Was Not Guaranteed** - They had no certain dwellingplace and lived as pilgrims in motion.
- 7. Comfort Is Not the Standard** - The verse destroys the idea that ease is proof of God's favor.

1 Corinthians 4:12 - 7 Responses of a True Servant

- 1. Honest Labor Matters** - The apostles were willing to work with their own hands.
- 2. Service Requires Sweat** - True ministry is not above humble and tiring labor.

- 3. Reviling Did Not Rule Them** - Verbal abuse did not drive them into fleshly retaliation.
- 4. Blessing Replaced Bitterness** - They answered personal insult with grace instead of revenge.
- 5. Persecution Was Endured** - They bore opposition without quitting the work of Christ.
- 6. Patience Showed Real Strength** - Suffering it proved deeper power than striking back.
- 7. Ministry Followed Christ's Pattern** - Their life reflected the meek endurance of the Lord Himself.

1 Corinthians 4:13 - 7 Realities of Ministry Under Contempt

- 1. Defamation Is Part of the Battle** - Faithful servants may be slandered and misrepresented by hostile voices.
- 2. Grace Must Answer Slander** - Paul responded to defamation with entreaty instead of fleshly revenge.
- 3. The World Judges Corruptly** - God's choicest servants can be treated like refuse by a blind world.
- 4. Apostles Were Counted Filth** - Paul shows how low the world's estimate of faithful ministry can sink.
- 5. Offscouring Means Cast Off** - The apostles were viewed as disposable scrapings rather than honored men.
- 6. Reproach May Continue Long** - This contempt did not pass quickly but remained unto that day.
- 7. God's Verdict Stands Higher** - Earth's contempt cannot cancel heaven's approval of faithful servants.

1 Corinthians 4:14 - 7 Marks of Loving Warning

- 1. Rebuke Need Not Be Cruel** - Paul makes clear that his goal was not humiliation for its own sake.
- 2. Exposure Can Be Merciful** - Hard truth may wound pride in order to rescue the soul.
- 3. Beloved Sons Need Warning** - Love does not cancel warning but gives warning its proper force.
- 4. Fathers Speak Before Disaster** - Spiritual care sounds the alarm while there is still time to turn.

- 5. Correction Flows From Affection** - Paul's severity was rooted in burden, not irritation.
- 6. Warning Looks Ahead** - A warning addresses present drift before it becomes settled ruin.
- 7. Truth Must Aim to Restore** - Faithful correction seeks recovery, not destruction.

1 Corinthians 4:15 - 7 Truths About Spiritual Fatherhood

- 1. Instructors Can Be Many** - A church may have no shortage of teachers and guiding voices.
- 2. Fathers Are More Rare** - Spiritual fatherhood carries a depth that ordinary instruction does not.
- 3. Gospel Birth Matters Most** - Paul's unique place came through his role in their conversion.
- 4. Christ Is the True Sphere** - All real spiritual fatherhood exists only in Christ Jesus.
- 5. The Gospel Does the Begetting** - New life comes through the preached gospel, not through personality.
- 6. Instruments Still Matter** - God uses human messengers, and that relationship should not be lightly forgotten.
- 7. Gratitude Guards Stability** - Remembering who first brought the gospel helps keep a church grounded.

1 Corinthians 4:16 - 7 Calls to Follow a Godly Pattern

- 1. Doctrine Must Become Example** - Paul's teaching now turns into a call for visible imitation.
- 2. Earnest Appeal Still Matters** - He beseeches them as a father rather than barking like a tyrant.
- 3. Godly Lives Should Be Followed** - Believers need examples that embody the truth they teach.
- 4. This Is Not Hero Worship** - Paul is calling for imitation of a Christ-shaped pattern, not a personality cult.
- 5. Spiritual Drift Needs Redirection** - The Corinthians had followed the wrong spirit and needed a new path.
- 6. Example Strengthens Instruction** - Truth goes deeper when it is seen in a life as well as heard in words.
- 7. Christ Remains the True Model** - Following Paul is right only because Paul is walking in the pattern of Christ.

1 Corinthians 4:17 - 7 Reminders of Faithful Ministry

1. Timothy Was Sent With Purpose - Paul sent him to strengthen correction already given.

2. He Was a Beloved Son - Timothy carried Paul's heart as well as his message.

3. Faithfulness Was His Mark - Paul commended his reliability in the Lord.

4. He Would Stir Their Memory - Corinth needed reminder more than novelty.

5. Paul's Ways Mattered - Doctrine had to be matched by lived pattern.

6. Those Ways Were in Christ - Paul's pattern was Christ-shaped, not self-made.

7. The Teaching Was Consistent - What Corinth heard matched every church Paul taught.

1 Corinthians 4:18 - 7 Signs of Inflated Pride

1. Some Had Swollen Egos - Pride had enlarged them beyond truth.

2. Not All Were Alike - A few proud men can poison a church.

3. Absence Fed Arrogance - They grew bold because Paul seemed distant.

4. Delay Was Misread - They mistook patience for weakness.

5. False Courage Appeared - Their bravery depended on missing accountability.

6. Presumption Was Their Fuel - They acted as though correction would never come.

7. Pride Revealed Their Spirit - Inflation exposed deep spiritual carnality.

1 Corinthians 4:19 - 7 Tests That Expose Empty Talk

1. Paul Intended to Come - Their assumptions of absence were wrong.

2. His Plans Stayed Submitted - He would come if the Lord willed.

3. Accountability Was Near - The reckoning was not indefinitely delayed.

4. He Would Truly Know - Paul would examine reality, not rumor.

5. Speech Was Not Enough - Proud words alone would not impress him.

6. Puffed-Up Men Would Be Tested - Their boasting had to meet reality.

7. Power Was the Standard - Paul would look for substance, not noise.

1 Corinthians 4:20 - 7 Truths About Kingdom Power

- 1. God's Kingdom Is Real** - It is more than religious language.
- 2. Words Alone Cannot Prove It** - Speech without substance is empty.
- 3. Talk Is Easily Counterfeited** - Flesh can imitate forceful religion.
- 4. Power Shows God's Rule** - Divine reality reveals where He is working.
- 5. Real Power Changes Lives** - It produces holiness, conviction, and fruit.
- 6. Performance Is Not the Kingdom** - Noise and style cannot replace reality.
- 7. Churches Must Seek Substance** - God's people must prize power over talk.

1 Corinthians 4:21 - 7 Choices Before Correction

- 1. Paul Put It on Them** - Their response would shape his coming.
- 2. A Rod Was Possible** - Severe correction remained on the table.
- 3. Love Was Also Offered** - Paul preferred restoration over confrontation.
- 4. Meekness Was Not Weakness** - Gentle authority still carried real strength.
- 5. Early Repentance Matters** - Soft hearts can prevent harder dealings.
- 6. Discipline Can Be Loving** - The rod is not contrary to real care.
- 7. The Decision Was Urgent** - Corinth had to choose its path quickly.

1 Corinthians 5:1 - 7 Signs of Open Scandal

- 1. The Sin Was Publicly Known** - The matter had become commonly reported.
- 2. Fornication Was in the Church** - The corruption was among them, not just around them.
- 3. The Deed Was Exceptionally Vile** - Even Gentiles viewed this case as outrageous.
- 4. God's Law Had Already Spoken** - The sin was clearly forbidden in Scripture.
- 5. The Church Had Tolerated It** - The scandal existed long enough to stain the testimony.
- 6. The Name of Christ Was Harmed** - Public wickedness dishonored the Lord before outsiders.
- 7. Silence Was No Virtue** - The case demanded judgment, not image management.

1 Corinthians 5:2 - 7 Marks of a Numb Church

- 1. Pride Replaced Brokenness** - They were puffed up when they should have wept.
- 2. Mourning Was Missing** - Sin in the body should have grieved them deeply.
- 3. The Deed Was Concrete** - This was not vague weakness but an actual act.

4. **The Offender Was Still Present** - He remained among them without removal.
5. **Tolerance Became Complicity** - The church shared shame by refusing to act.
6. **Discipline Was Morally Necessary** - The offender could not stay in open fellowship.
7. **Pride Deadens Conscience** - Self-importance had made the church morally numb.

1 Corinthians 5:3 - 7 Truths About Righteous Judgment

1. **Paul Spoke With Certainty** - The case was clear enough for settled judgment.
2. **Bodily Absence Changed Nothing** - Distance did not suspend apostolic responsibility.
3. **Spiritual Presence Still Counted** - His burden and authority remained active.
4. **The Judgment Was Already Made** - Paul did not delay where Scripture was plain.
5. **Presence Would Not Soften It** - The verdict stood as if he were there.
6. **The Offender Was Clearly Identified** - A real man had done a real deed.
7. **Open Sin Must Be Judged** - Chapter 5 requires action, not foggy hesitation.

1 Corinthians 5:4 - 7 Realities of Church Discipline

1. **Christ's Name Governed It** - The action stood under the Lord's authority.
2. **The Church Had to Gather** - Discipline belonged to the assembled body.
3. **Paul's Spirit Was With Them** - His apostolic judgment remained joined to the case.
4. **This Was Not Private Revenge** - The matter was corporate obedience, not personal outrage.
5. **Christ's Power Backed It** - The action carried more than human force.
6. **Holiness Required Action** - The church could not ignore scandal in its midst.
7. **Discipline Was Spiritually Weighty** - This was solemn obedience under the Lord Himself.

1 Corinthians 5:5 - 7 Severe Mercies in Discipline

1. **The Man Was Put Outside** - He was delivered out of church shelter into Satan's realm.
2. **Discipline Was Extremely Serious** - This was no light social inconvenience.
3. **The Flesh Had to Be Broken** - His sinful course needed painful overthrow.
4. **Comfort Could Not Continue** - The church had to stop cushioning rebellion.
5. **The Goal Was Redemptive** - The severity aimed at ultimate spiritual recovery.
6. **Present Pain Served Eternal Good** - Short-term loss was for long-term salvation.
7. **Christ's Day Governed It** - The action was measured by final accountability.

1 Corinthians 5:6 - 7 Warnings About Spreading Corruption

- 1. Their Boasting Was Evil** - Glorifying in a polluted church was not good.
- 2. They Should Have Known Better** - The principle of leaven was basic truth.
- 3. Corruption Starts Small** - A little leaven is enough to begin ruin.
- 4. Tolerated Evil Never Stays Put** - It works outward through the body.
- 5. The Whole Lump Was Endangered** - One open scandal threatened the entire church.
- 6. Silence Taught the Room** - Tolerance was already shaping consciences.
- 7. Purity Required Early Action** - The leaven had to be dealt with quickly.

1 Corinthians 5:7 - 7 Calls to Passover Purity

- 1. The Leaven Had to Go** - Corruption could not remain in the church.
- 2. The Church Was to Be New** - Their conduct had to match their calling.
- 3. Identity Came Before Duty** - They acted because they already were unleavened.
- 4. Old Life Had No Place** - The old leaven belonged to a former order.
- 5. Christ Is the True Passover** - The Lamb of God fulfills the feast.
- 6. His Sacrifice Changes Everything** - Redemption demands a separated people.
- 7. Purity Honors the Lamb** - A clean church reflects the Passover sacrifice.

1 Corinthians 5:8 - 7 Marks of a Right Feast

- 1. Redemption Shapes Conduct** - The feast is lived in light of Christ's death.
- 2. Old Leaven Must Stay Out** - Past corruption cannot flavor present fellowship.
- 3. Malice Is Leaven Too** - Bad spirit corrupts a church as surely as scandal.
- 4. Wickedness Defiles the Feast** - Evil practice and spirit spoil redeemed fellowship.
- 5. Sincerity Must Fill the Room** - God's people must be genuine and clean-hearted.
- 6. Truth Must Govern the Body** - The church must live under what God says is real.
- 7. Holy Joy Is the Goal** - The feast is clean celebration, not fleshly indulgence.

1 Corinthians 5:9 - 7 Warnings About Wrong Company

- 1. Paul Had Already Written** - This was not a brand-new warning to Corinth.
- 2. Separation Needed Clarification** - Truth had to be applied correctly, not carelessly.

3. Company Communicates Fellowship - Close association teaches what the church accepts.

4. Fornicators Were Named Plainly - Sexual sin was not softened with vague language.

5. The Church Had Mishandled Truth - Prior instruction had been misunderstood or ignored.

6. Fellowship Is Never Neutral - Who the church keeps company with matters morally.

7. Written Truth Still Governed - Paul's epistle carried continuing authority.

1 Corinthians 5:10 - 7 Boundaries for Living in the World

1. Paul Did Not Mean Total Escape - Believers were not told to flee all sinners.

2. The World Is Full of Corruption - Fornicators, covetous men, and idolaters are everywhere.

3. Contact Is Not the Same as Fellowship - Witness differs from approving company.

4. Christians Remain in the World - God has not called the church to vanish.

5. Monastic Isolation Was Rejected - Paul would not allow absurd separation.

6. Moral Distinction Still Matters - Believers must stay clean while living among sinners.

7. Witness Requires Presence - The church must stay in the world to reach it.

1 Corinthians 5:11 - 7 Lines of Fellowship That Must Break

1. The Real Target Was a So-Called Brother - Paul focused on one called a brother.

2. Company Had to Stop - Normal fellowship could not continue unchanged.

3. Sexual Sin Was Included - A fornicator could not remain in easy fellowship.

4. Respectable Sins Were Included Too - Covetousness and railing were treated seriously.

5. The List Was Broad - Idolatry, drunkenness, and extortion also required action.

6. The Table Was Not Neutral - Eating together signaled peace and acceptance.

7. Shame Was Part of the Medicine - The breach had to be real enough to awaken him.

1 Corinthians 5:12 - 7 Duties of Church Judgment

1. Paul Did Not Police the Lost World - The church's first task was not judging outsiders.

2. Outsiders Were a Different Sphere - Those without were not under church discipline.

3. The Church Must Judge Within - Those inside the body required moral accountability.

4. Judgment Was a Duty - Biblical discipline was required, not optional.

5. Chapter 4 Did Not Cancel Chapter 5 - Hidden motives differ from open scandal.

6. Internal Holiness Came First - The church had to cleanse itself before posturing outwardly.

7. Fellowship Had Real Boundaries - Those within were under Christ's rule in the body.

1 Corinthians 5:13 - 7 Final Commands for a Clean Church

1. God Judges Those Outside - The world's final reckoning belongs to Him.

2. The Church Had Its Own Duty - Corinth was responsible for what was within.

3. The Chapter Demanded Action - Paul ended with obedience, not discussion.

4. The Wicked Person Had to Go - Open rebellion could not remain in fellowship.

5. Removal Had to Be Visible - The church had to put him away practically.

6. The Fellowship Had to Be Cleansed - The issue was what remained among themselves.

7. Holiness Required a Final Step - Discipline had to become real and decisive.

1 Corinthians 6:1 - 7 Rebukes to Worldly Lawsuits

1. Paul Was Shocked by It - He treated their conduct as brazen and shameful.

2. A Real Matter Existed - The grievance itself was not denied.

3. The Method Was the Problem - They chose a worldly way to handle it.

4. They Went Before the Unjust - Unbelievers were judging saintly disputes.

5. The Saints Were Bypassed - The church was treated as spiritually incompetent.

6. Christ's Body Was Shamed - Family matters were paraded before the world.

7. Flesh Was Driving the Case - Self-importance had overtaken spiritual order.

1 Corinthians 6:2 - 7 Truths About the Saints' Future Rule

1. They Should Have Known This - Their behavior ignored revealed future truth.

2. The Saints Shall Judge the World - Their calling under Christ is immense.

3. Future Glory Should Shape Now - Destiny ought to govern present conduct.

4. The World Is Not Supreme - The saints are not beneath its judgment forever.

5. Present Lawsuits Look Absurd - Their actions contradicted their future calling.

6. They Lived Beneath Their Rank - Grace had destined them for far more.

7. Small Matters Should Be Settled - Earthly disputes were beneath worldly escalation.

1 Corinthians 6:3 - 7 Lessons From the Judgment of Angels

- 1. The Church Forgot Its Destiny** - Paul rebuked their practical ignorance again.
- 2. The Saints Will Judge Angels** - Their future under Christ reaches even higher.
- 3. Future Truth Shrinks Present Quarrels** - Earthly disputes must be kept in scale.
- 4. The Greater Proves the Lesser** - If saints judge angels, lesser matters are manageable.
- 5. Present-Life Issues Are Temporary** - These were not eternal kingdom questions.
- 6. Carnality Magnifies Small Things** - Flesh turns earthly matters into huge crises.
- 7. Kingdom Perspective Restores Sanity** - Eternal calling should govern daily conflict.

1 Corinthians 6:4 - 7 Calls to Church-Based Judgment

- 1. Judgments Do Arise** - Churches face real disputes in ordinary life.
- 2. These Were Temporal Matters** - The issues belonged to this present life.
- 3. Someone Had to Judge Them** - The church could not avoid practical decisions.
- 4. Judges Should Be Appointed** - The body was to act, not drift helplessly.
- 5. Worldly Esteem Was Misleading** - Prestige was not the measure of true fitness.
- 6. Even Humble Saints Were Enough** - The least esteemed were better than the unjust.
- 7. Corinth's Values Were Exposed** - They trusted the world more than the body.

1 Corinthians 6:5 - 7 Rebukes to Church Shame

- 1. Paul Spoke to Their Shame** - Their conduct deserved holy embarrassment.
- 2. The Situation Was Unthinkable** - He asked if it had really come to this.
- 3. A Wise Man Was Missing** - No usable spiritual judgment was being found.
- 4. Corinth's Boasting Was Exposed** - Their claims of wisdom collapsed in practice.
- 5. Not One Could Judge** - The body looked functionally incompetent.
- 6. Brethren Needed Mediation** - Someone should have judged between them.
- 7. The Church Had Failed Practically** - Theory had not become usable wisdom.

1 Corinthians 6:6 - 7 Sorrows of Public Brother Conflict

- 1. Brother Fought Brother** - Family conflict had replaced family grace.
- 2. Brotherhood Was Ignored** - Christian identity no longer governed conduct.
- 3. The Matter Became Public** - The conflict spilled into open view.
- 4. Unbelievers Watched It Happen** - The world became audience and judge.
- 5. Testimony Was Damaged** - Christ's name was shamed before outsiders.
- 6. Flesh Had Taken Control** - Pride overruled spiritual order.
- 7. The Church Taught the Wrong Lesson** - Its conduct preached contradiction to the world.

1 Corinthians 6:7 - 7 Truths About Better Losses

- 1. A Real Fault Already Existed** - The lawsuits proved spiritual failure.
- 2. The Method Became Sinful** - Going to law revealed deeper disorder.
- 3. Paul Asked a Hard Question** - Why not rather take wrong?
- 4. The Cross Should Shape Response** - Saints must think beyond personal rights.
- 5. Better to Suffer Than Shame Christ** - Temporal loss may be the holier path.
- 6. Defrauding Could Be Endured** - Personal loss was better than public disgrace.
- 7. Eternal Perspective Was Missing** - Present matters had grown too large.

1 Corinthians 6:8 - 7 Exposures of Fleshly Justice

- 1. Paul Said No to Their Excuses** - Their self-justifying story was rejected.
- 2. They Were Doing Wrong** - Their response had become sinful itself.
- 3. They Were Defrauding Others** - The pursuit of fairness became unfairness.
- 4. Flesh Had Reversed the Case** - The aggrieved became the wrongdoer.
- 5. Self-Defense Became Oppression** - Pride turned grievance into injury.
- 6. The Victims Were Their Brethren** - Family members were being harmed.
- 7. Brotherhood Had Been Forgotten** - The other side was no longer seen as a brother.

1 Corinthians 6:9 - 7 Warnings Against Kingdom Deception

- 1. Paul Asked What They Should Know** - The truth was plain, not hidden.
- 2. The Unrighteous Miss the Kingdom** - Kingdom inheritance does not fit unrighteous living.

3. **Deception Was a Real Danger** - Men could lie to themselves here.
4. **Sexual Sin Was Named Clearly** - Fornication and adultery were not softened.
5. **Idolatry Was Also Condemned** - False worship remains kingdom contradiction.
6. **Paul Refused Moral Fog** - He named sins with direct clarity.
7. **Grace Was Not a Covering for Sin** - The warning stood before the hope.

1 Corinthians 6:10 - 7 Exposures of Practical Unrighteousness

1. **Theft Was a Kingdom Issue** - Taking what is not yours is unrighteousness.
2. **Covetousness Was Deadly** - Greed revealed a false ruling love.
3. **Drunkenness Was Not Excused** - Appetite-rule contradicted kingdom sobriety.
4. **Reviling Speech Was Serious** - A poisonous tongue marked real corruption.
5. **Extortion Exposed Predatory Gain** - Oppression for advantage was condemned.
6. **Respectable Sins Were Included** - Paul went beyond headline scandals.
7. **The Kingdom Stayed the Measure** - Practical ethics were tied to inheritance.

1 Corinthians 6:11 - 7 Triumphs of Saving Grace

1. **Some Once Lived That Way** - The church had been rescued from real filth.
2. **The Word Was "Were"** - Grace drew a line between old and new.
3. **They Were Washed** - God had truly cleansed their defilement.
4. **They Were Sanctified** - They had been set apart unto God.
5. **They Were Justified** - A new verdict stood over their lives.
6. **Christ's Name Did the Work** - Salvation was in the Lord Jesus.
7. **The Spirit Applied the Change** - Divine power made the difference real.

1 Corinthians 6:12 - 7 Boundaries for Christian Liberty

1. **Liberty Was Real** - Paul did not deny Christian freedom.
2. **Not Everything Was Helpful** - Lawful did not always mean expedient.
3. **Wisdom Must Govern Liberty** - The question was what truly profited.
4. **Paul Repeated the Principle** - Freedom still needed right interpretation.
5. **Mastery Was the Real Danger** - A thing could become a tyrant.
6. **Paul Refused Rival Powers** - He would not be ruled by anything else.
7. **True Freedom Served Christ** - Liberty was never meant for fleshly chaos.

1 Corinthians 6:13 - 7 Truths About the Body's Purpose

- 1. Appetite Was Not the Final Authority** - Belly logic could not define morality.
- 2. Food and Stomach Were Temporary** - Both belonged to a passing order.
- 3. The Body Was Not for Fornication** - Sexual sin contradicted its purpose.
- 4. The Body Was for the Lord** - It belonged under Christ's rule.
- 5. Holiness Had a Positive Purpose** - The body existed for more than avoidance.
- 6. The Lord Was for the Body** - Christ cared for its true good.
- 7. Bodily Life Was Sacred Stewardship** - The body could not be treated cheaply.

1 Corinthians 6:14 - 7 Resurrection Truths for the Body

- 1. God Raised the Lord** - Christ's bodily resurrection settled the issue.
- 2. The Believer Will Be Raised Too** - Our bodies have a future with God.
- 3. Resurrection Gives the Body Dignity** - It is not a disposable shell.
- 4. Present Purity Fits Future Glory** - Resurrection hope shapes bodily conduct now.
- 5. The Body's Destiny Is Certain** - God Himself will raise it.
- 6. Divine Power Secures the Promise** - Resurrection rests on His strength alone.
- 7. Appetite Must Yield to Eternity** - The body's future outranks present lust.

1 Corinthians 6:15 - 7 Warnings From Union With Christ

- 1. Believers Should Already Know This** - Their ignorance was shameful.
- 2. Our Bodies Are Christ's Members** - The body stands in living relation to Him.
- 3. Sin Involves Taking What Is His** - Bodily acts are not spiritually detached.
- 4. Fleeing Fornication Is Personal** - Paul made the choice concrete and direct.
- 5. Joining Christ's Members to Sin Is Horrifying** - The very thought was obscene.
- 6. An Harlot Was Named Plainly** - Sexual sin was left visible and ugly.
- 7. The Only Answer Was "God Forbid"** - Holy refusal had no room for compromise.

1 Corinthians 6:16 - 7 Truths About False Union

- 1. Paul Shocked Their Conscience Again** - He would not let them think lightly.
- 2. Joining Was Real** - Sexual sin created actual bodily union.
- 3. A Harlot Was Not Casual** - The act could not be emptied of meaning.
- 4. One Body Was Formed** - The union had real moral weight.
- 5. Genesis Still Defined the Act** - God had already spoken its meaning.

6. **One Flesh Could Be Profaned** - Holy structure was being misused in sin.
7. **Casual Sex Was Exposed as a Lie** - God's order remained in force.

1 Corinthians 6:17 - 7 Truths About Holy Union

1. **Paul Turned From False Union** - He contrasted sin's joining with Christ's joining.
2. **The Believer Is Joined to the Lord** - Salvation brings real attachment to Christ.
3. **Spiritual Independence Is a Lie** - The saint no longer stands alone.
4. **One Spirit Speaks of Deep Union** - The believer's life is bound up with Christ.
5. **Holy Union Is Better Than Sinful Union** - Christ offers what lust counterfeits.
6. **Identity Must Govern Conduct** - Bodily choices must bow to this reality.
7. **The Saint Belongs Somewhere Better** - He is not empty and searching.

1 Corinthians 6:18 - 7 Commands for Escaping Defilement

1. **Paul Did Not Say Manage It** - He said flee fornication.
2. **Distance Was Wisdom** - Safety lay in getting away quickly.
3. **Sexual Sin Was Uniquely Grave** - It had a special relation to the body.
4. **Agency Was Restored** - The sinner commits fornication, not merely experiences it.
5. **The Body Was Violated From Within** - The act sinned against one's own body.
6. **Lust's Promises Were Lies** - What looked freeing was self-injury.
7. **Immediate Flight Was the Only Safe Policy** - Lingering near lust was foolish.

1 Corinthians 6:19 - 7 Truths About the Spirit's Temple

1. **Paul Shocked Them Awake Again** - Their low body-thinking was disgraceful.
2. **The Body Is the Spirit's Temple** - It stands on sacred ground.
3. **The Holy Ghost Is In the Believer** - Sin is never truly private.
4. **This Indwelling Is God's Gift** - Temple status is grace, not self-achievement.
5. **Self-Ownership Was Overthrown** - The believer no longer belongs to himself.
6. **Bodily Conduct Became Holy Stewardship** - The body could not be treated as common.
7. **Divine Presence Demanded Reverence** - Temple truth changed everything about purity.

1 Corinthians 6:20 - 7 Calls to Blood-Bought Living

1. **Redemption Was Costly** - The believer was bought with a price.
2. **Calvary Settled Ownership** - Christ's purchase ended self-rule.
3. **Glorying God Was the Goal** - Redemption aimed at divine honor.
4. **The Body Must Serve God** - Bodily life belongs on the altar.
5. **The Spirit Must Serve God Too** - Inward life also belongs under His claim.
6. **The Whole Person Belongs to Him** - Body and spirit alike are God's.
7. **Blood-Bought Things Cannot Be Used Cheaply** - Purchase demands holy treatment.

1 Corinthians 7:1 - 7 Opening Truths About Singleness

1. **Paul Answered Their Questions** - This chapter begins with a real church issue.
2. **The Subject Was Practical** - He addressed life in a corrupt world.
3. **Singleness Was Called Good** - Abstinent unmarried life can be a good path.
4. **Marriage Was Not Condemned** - Paul did not make singleness a universal law.
5. **"Touch" Meant Intimate Contact** - The context is plainly sexual purity.
6. **Purity Was Already in View** - The next verse proves fornication is the issue.
7. **The Chapter Needed Balance** - Verse 1 opens, but does not settle, the whole matter.

1 Corinthians 7:2 - 7 Safeguards God Gave for Purity

1. **Paul Added a Necessary Balance** - "Nevertheless" corrected one-sided thinking.
2. **Marriage Guards Against Fornication** - It is a God-given protection.
3. **The Issue Was Purity First** - Paul was not talking sentimentally.
4. **Every Man Needed His Own Wife** - Sexual order is exclusive, not wandering.
5. **Every Woman Needed Her Own Husband** - The same rule applied both ways.
6. **Covenant Was the Safe Channel** - Desire was to be governed, not indulged loosely.
7. **Marriage Was Honest Provision** - God spoke realistically to fallen bodies.

1 Corinthians 7:3 - 7 Duties Inside the Marriage Bond

1. **The Husband Must Render** - Marriage includes owed duty, not mere feeling.
2. **The Wife Was Owed Something** - She was not to be neglected.
3. **Benevolence Was Due** - Kind marital affection was part of covenant duty.
4. **The Duty Was Bodily Too** - Paul was speaking practically, not abstractly.
5. **The Wife Had Equal Obligation** - The command was balanced immediately.
6. **Selfishness Was Rebuked** - Neither side could live for self alone.
7. **Marriage Required Mutual Faithfulness** - Purity is protected by covenant giving.

1 Corinthians 7:4 - 7 Truths About Mutual Bodily Claim

- 1. The Wife Was Not Self-Owned** - Marriage changed bodily authority.
- 2. The Husband Had Real Claim** - Covenant involved lawful mutual belonging.
- 3. Paul Balanced It Immediately** - “Likewise also” stopped one-sided misuse.
- 4. The Husband Was Not Self-Owned Either** - He too stood under obligation.
- 5. Marriage Ended Absolute Autonomy** - Neither spouse remained a bodily island.
- 6. Mutuality Guarded the Covenant** - Paul fenced off selfishness on both sides.
- 7. Bodily Stewardship Was Shared** - The marriage bond reached into the body.

1 Corinthians 7:5 - 7 Warnings Against Marital Defrauding

- 1. Paul Forbade Covenant Withholding** - Spouses were not to defraud one another.
- 2. Consent Was Required** - No one-sided abstinence was allowed.
- 3. The Exception Was Temporary** - Any abstinence had to be for a time.
- 4. The Purpose Had to Be Spiritual** - It was only for fasting and prayer.
- 5. Reunion Was Commanded** - They were to come together again.
- 6. Satan Was a Real Threat** - Disorder could open a door to temptation.
- 7. Paul Was Honest About Weak Flesh** - Incontinency had to be taken seriously.

1 Corinthians 7:6 - 7 Lessons on Permission and Command

- 1. Paul Clarified His Meaning** - He explained how to classify the exception.
- 2. Temporary Abstinence Was Permitted** - It was lawful under narrow conditions.
- 3. It Was Not Universal Law** - Paul refused to bind all marriages.
- 4. Legalism Was Cut Off Early** - Permission was not to become commandment.
- 5. Marriage Was Protected From Asceticism** - Paul would not burden it falsely.
- 6. Scripture Speaks With Precision** - Paul distinguished categories carefully.
- 7. Liberty Needed Right Handling** - Wisdom was required, not rigid systems.

1 Corinthians 7:7 - 7 Truths About God’s Proper Gift

- 1. Paul Expressed a Preference** - He would that all were as he was.
- 2. Singleness Had Real Advantages** - Paul valued its freedom for service.
- 3. His State Was Not the Rule for All** - He did not universalize himself.
- 4. Every Man Had His Own Gift** - God distributes differently among believers.

5. **Imitation Could Become Foolishness** - Not every man should force Paul's path.
6. **Marriage Was Not Inferior** - Another gift could be just as lawful.
7. **God's Distribution Must Be Respected** - One after this manner, another after that.

1 Corinthians 7:8 - 7 Encouragements for the Unmarried and Widows

1. **Paul Spoke Directly to Their State** - The unmarried and widows were not overlooked.
2. **Remaining Unmarried Could Be Good** - Their condition was not second-rate.
3. **Widowhood Was Not a Defect** - Paul gave it dignity before God.
4. **Singleness Did Not Mean Wasted Life** - A full life with God was possible.
5. **Abiding Was a Valid Choice** - They did not have to panic or rush.
6. **Paul's Example Still Stood** - He recommended abiding even as he did.
7. **The Verse Still Needed Balance** - This goodness would be guarded by verse 9.

1 Corinthians 7:9 - 7 Truths for Those Who Cannot Contain

1. **Paul Faced Human Reality** - He acknowledged that not all can contain.
2. **Pretending Was Not Spiritual** - False celibacy was not holiness.
3. **Marriage Was the Clean Answer** - God gave lawful covenant, not indulgence.
4. **Marriage Was Not Second-Rate** - Paul gave it without apology.
5. **Burning Meant Inward Passion** - The verse deals with lust, not hellfire.
6. **Better Meant Wiser for That Person** - Marriage was better than inflamed temptation.
7. **God Provided a Safe Path** - The verse gives mercy without compromise.

1 Corinthians 7:10 - 7 Commands for the Married Bond

1. **Paul Turned to the Married** - The focus shifted from possibility to duty.
2. **This Was a Command** - Paul spoke with binding authority here.
3. **The Lord Had Already Spoken** - Paul stood on Christ's own teaching.
4. **The Wife Was Not to Depart** - Casual separation was forbidden.
5. **Marriage Was Treated Seriously** - The bond was not disposable.
6. **Covenant Came Before Convenience** - Feeling did not override command.
7. **The Verse Set the Rule** - Later cases must not erase this starting point.

1 Corinthians 7:11 - 7 Rules for a Broken Separation

1. **Paul Addressed a Violation** - Departure was handled after the command was broken.
2. **Separation Was Not Blessed** - The verse regulates disorder, not normalizes it.
3. **Remarriage Was Not Opened** - She was to remain unmarried.
4. **Reconciliation Stayed in View** - Restoration remained the better path.
5. **The Bond Still Mattered** - Departure did not erase covenant force.
6. **The Husband Was Also Restrained** - He was not to put away his wife.
7. **Both Sides Stood Under God** - Paul would not flatter either spouse.

1 Corinthians 7:12 - 7 Truths for a Mixed Marriage

1. **Paul Moved to Another Case** - He now addressed the spiritually divided home.
2. **“Not the Lord” Marked the Category** - This was fresh apostolic application.
3. **The Marriage Was Still Real** - Conversion did not void the covenant.
4. **The Unbelieving Wife Was the Case in View** - A believing husband faced an uneven home.
5. **Her Willingness Mattered** - If she would dwell, he must not break the bond.
6. **Holiness Was Not Rash Departure** - The believer was to stay faithful.
7. **A Witness Was Preserved in the Home** - The marriage remained a place of influence.

1 Corinthians 7:13 - 7 Duties for the Believing Wife

1. **Paul Addressed the Other Side** - He balanced the mixed-marriage rule both ways.
2. **The Husband Was Still Her Husband** - Unbelief did not erase the covenant.
3. **His Willingness Mattered** - The case depended on his being pleased to dwell.
4. **Departure Was Forbidden** - The believing wife was not to leave him.
5. **Holiness Was Not Escape** - She was to stay faithful in a hard home.
6. **The Marriage Remained Lawful** - The bond was not defiled by his unbelief alone.
7. **Her Presence Still Meant Something** - God could use her faithful witness there.

1 Corinthians 7:14 - 7 Truths About a Sanctified Household

1. **The Unbelieving Spouse Was Sanctified Relationally** - Paul spoke of covenant standing, not automatic salvation.
2. **The Marriage Was Not Defiling** - The mixed union remained lawful before God.
3. **The Same Principle Worked Both Ways** - Husband and wife were treated evenly.
4. **The Children Settled the Logic** - If not, the children would be unclean.
5. **The Children Were Called Holy** - They stood in a set-apart household sphere.

6. Household Holiness Was Not New Birth - Paul was not teaching automatic regeneration.

7. The Believer's Presence Brought Order - One saint in the home mattered before God.

1 Corinthians 7:15 - 7 Lessons for an Unbelieving Departure

1. Paul Shifted to a New Case - Now the unbeliever was the one departing.

2. The Believer Was Not the Breaker - The rupture came from the unbelieving spouse.

3. Paul Said Let Him Depart - The Christian was not to force continuance.

4. Bondage Was Lifted in That Case - The believer was not enslaved to the impossible.

5. The Phrase Was Limited Carefully - "In such cases" kept the ruling specific.

6. God Called the Believer to Peace - Endless domestic warfare was not the command.

7. Mercy Entered the Hard Case - Scripture remained realistic under abandonment.

1 Corinthians 7:16 - 7 Hopes for a Mixed Marriage

1. Paul Asked a Humbling Question - The believer did not know the whole outcome.

2. The Wife Might Be God's Means - Her faithfulness could reach her husband.

3. The Husband Might Be God's Means - The same hope applied the other way.

4. Salvation Was Still God's Work - The spouse was an instrument, not the Savior.

5. Despair Was Rebuked - The case was not closed while the unbeliever remained.

6. Faithful Presence Could Matter Eternally - The home still held gospel purpose.

7. Hope and Realism Stayed Together - Paul balanced witness with peace.

1 Corinthians 7:17 - 7 Rules for Walking Where God Called You

1. God Distributed Earthly Conditions - A man's station was not outside providence.

2. The Lord Called Men There - Grace met people in real-life circumstances.

3. Faithfulness Was the First Duty - Paul said to walk, not panic.

4. Spirituality Was Not Upheaval - Conversion did not demand instant outward revolution.

5. Envy Was Rebuked - Another man's lot was not automatically better.

6. Present Providence Mattered - The state where grace found you was meaningful.

7. This Was Church-Wide Order - Paul ordained the rule in all churches.

1 Corinthians 7:18 - 7 Lessons About Outward Identity

1. **Paul Applied the Rule to Circumcision** - He moved from principle to a concrete case.
2. **The Jew Need Not Erase Himself** - He was not to become uncircumcised.
3. **The Gentile Need Not Become Jewish** - He was not to seek circumcision.
4. **Conversion Did Not Require Fleshly Revision** - Grace was deeper than body-markers.
5. **Shame Was Rebuked** - Jews were not to hide their background.
6. **Legal Pressure Was Rebuked** - Gentiles were not to submit for acceptance.
7. **Christ Was Enough for Both** - Neither side needed fleshly completion.

1 Corinthians 7:19 - 7 Truths That Empty Fleshly Boasting

1. **Circumcision Was Nothing in Christ** - It gave no spiritual advantage.
2. **Uncircumcision Was Nothing Too** - The absence of the mark was no boast either.
3. **Both Sides Lost Their Glorifying** - Paul stripped pride from Jew and Gentile alike.
4. **Ritual Was Not the Main Thing** - Fleshly symbols could not define holiness.
5. **Keeping God's Commandments Mattered** - Real obedience replaced ceremonial vanity.
6. **Empty Orthodoxy Was Exposed** - Symbols without submission were worthless.
7. **God's Voice Outranked Men's Traditions** - Divine commandments mattered more than human badges.

1 Corinthians 7:20 - 7 Commands for Abiding Faithfully

1. **Paul Addressed Every Believer** - No class was exempt from the rule.
2. **Abiding Was the Command** - Restless reinvention was not the answer.
3. **The Calling Included Real-Life Station** - God's call met men in actual conditions.
4. **Grace Had Already Touched That Place** - The Lord called a man there.
5. **Lawful States Need Not Be Torn Apart** - Not every outward condition required change.
6. **Faithfulness Began in Present Providence** - Obedience started where the call came.
7. **Dramatic Gestures Were Not the Proof** - Steady walking with God was.

1 Corinthians 7:21 - 7 Lessons for the Called Servant

1. **Grace Reached Men in Bondage** - The Lord called even those in servitude.
2. **Outward Hardship Was Not Final** - A servant's condition did not define his whole life.
3. **Paul Forbade Consuming Anxiety** - The servant was not to be ruled by the burden.

4. **Christ Could Be Served There** - Spiritual life was not postponed until freedom.
5. **Freedom Was Not Despised** - If lawful liberty came, it could be used.
6. **False Heroics Were Rejected** - Bondage was not made holier than freedom.
7. **Contentment and Wisdom Stayed Together** - The servant was to be steady yet practical.

1 Corinthians 7:22 - 7 Reversals in Christ's Calling

1. **The Servant Was Called in the Lord** - Heaven's call entered the low estate.
2. **Earthly Bondage Was Not Ultimate** - The man remained a servant outwardly only.
3. **The Servant Became the Lord's Freeman** - Christ gave deeper liberty than men could grant.
4. **The Free Man Was Not Autonomous** - Earthly liberty did not equal self-rule.
5. **The Free Man Became Christ's Servant** - Salvation placed him under a greater Master.
6. **The Gospel Lifted the Low** - Servants were given real dignity in Christ.
7. **The Gospel Humbled the High** - Free men were reminded they still belonged to Another.

1 Corinthians 7:23 - 7 Truths About Blood-Bought Belonging

1. **Believers Were Purchased** - Redemption changed ownership entirely.
2. **The Price Was Not Cheap** - The cross put a claim on the saint.
3. **Christian Liberty Was Not Self-Rule** - Freedom never meant belonging to yourself again.
4. **Men Could Not Be Final Masters** - Human authority had real limits.
5. **People-Pleasing Was Exposed** - The conscience must not bow to men.
6. **Christ's Ownership Overruled Earthly Claims** - His purchase settled the deepest allegiance.
7. **The Best Master Had Bought Them** - Bondage to Christ was true liberty.

1 Corinthians 7:24 - 7 Calls to Abide With God

1. **Paul Addressed the Brethren Tenderly** - The command came to family in Christ.
2. **Every Man Was Included** - No lawful station stood outside the rule.
3. **The Place of Calling Mattered** - Grace had entered that very condition.
4. **Abiding Was the Command** - Restless upheaval was not the answer.

5. **The Place Was Not Godforsaken** - The believer was to remain there with God.
6. **Present Providence Became Holy Ground** - Mercy made the ordinary place matter.
7. **Faithfulness Began Where Grace Found You** - Obedience started in the actual life you had.

1 Corinthians 7:25 – 7 Truths About Faithful Judgment

1. **Virgins Became the Subject** - Paul turned directly to the unmarried condition.
2. **No Direct Command Was Given** - Christ had not spoken a recorded earthly command here.
3. **Apostolic Judgment Still Mattered** - Paul's judgment carried real spiritual authority.
4. **Mercy Stood Behind the Counsel** - His usefulness came from the Lord's mercy.
5. **Faithfulness Was the Qualification** - Paul spoke as a steward proven faithful.
6. **Wisdom Guided the Instruction** - This verse shows careful counsel, not careless guessing.
7. **Scripture Makes Fine Distinctions** - God's word handles life with exactness.

1 Corinthians 7:26 – 7 Reasons Singleness Could Be Better

1. **Paul Reached a Judgment** - He gave a settled conclusion, not a random thought.
2. **Context Controlled the Advice** - His counsel was shaped by the present distress.
3. **This State Was Good** - Remaining single was fitting under the pressure.
4. **The Distress Was Present** - Paul dealt with a real current hardship.
5. **Marriage Added Burdens** - Household responsibilities grow heavier in hard times.
6. **Stability Was Preferred** - A man was better off not forcing change.
7. **Prudence Was the Main Point** - Wisdom, not prohibition, governed the verse.

1 Corinthians 7:27 – 7 Commands for Staying Steady

1. **Marriage Was a Real Bond** - A wife was not a casual attachment.

2. **The Married Must Not Flee** - A bound man was not to seek release.
3. **Escape Thinking Was Rebuked** - Hardship did not justify hunting a way out.
4. **The Loosed Man Was Addressed Too** - Paul spoke to the unmarried as well.
5. **Freedom Was Not for Restlessness** - A loosed man was not to chase change.
6. **Seeking a Wife Was Discouraged** - Under distress, he was told not to pursue marriage.
7. **Faithfulness Outranked Impulse** - Each man was to serve God in his state.

1 Corinthians 7:28 – 7 Realities About Marriage and Trouble

1. **Marriage Was Not Sin** - A loosed man could marry without guilt.
2. **A Virgin Could Marry Cleanly** - Her marriage was not sinful either.
3. **Liberty Was Preserved** - Paul refused to make wise counsel into bondage.
4. **Trouble in the Flesh Was Certain** - Marriage brings earthly pressures and burdens.
5. **Household Life Has Weight** - Marriage adds responsibilities in a fallen world.
6. **Present Distress Made It Harder** - Trouble increases when times are already severe.
7. **Paul Wanted to Spare Them** - His warning came from pastoral mercy.

1 Corinthians 7:29 – 7 Reminders That Time Is Short

1. **Paul Spoke Urgently** - He pressed the saints with sober apostolic emphasis.
2. **Time Was Running** - The present age was never meant to feel permanent.
3. **Marriage Was Not Ultimate** - Even lawful bonds had to stay under eternity.
4. **Perspective Was Required** - Believers had to think beyond household concerns.
5. **Temporary Things Were Exposed** - Earthly conditions were shown to be passing.
6. **Detachment Was Commanded** - Saints were to hold blessings with a loosened grip.
7. **Christ Came First** - Every earthly relationship had to stay beneath His claim.

1 Corinthians 7:30 – 7 Ways to Hold Earthly Things Lightly

1. **Sorrow Had Limits** - Weeping could not become the ruler of the soul.
2. **Joy Needed Restraint** - Rejoicing was real but never ultimate.
3. **Buying Was Allowed** - Believers could handle material life lawfully.
4. **Possession Was Temporary** - Ownership in this world was never final.
5. **Emotions Needed Government** - Feelings had to stay under eternal truth.
6. **Things Could Not Own You** - A saint must not be chained to what he bought.
7. **Eternity Set Proportion** - Present experiences had to bow before lasting realities.

1 Corinthians 7:31 – 7 Warnings About Using This World

1. **The World Could Be Used** - Lawful earthly involvement was still permitted.
2. **Use Was Not Abuse** - Christians were forbidden to overbind themselves to it.
3. **Temporary Order Existed** - The world's present arrangement was only a passing form.
4. **The System Was Fading** - What looked solid was already moving toward removal.
5. **Entanglement Was Dangerous** - Earthly overoccupation could deform the spiritual life.
6. **Pilgrims Needed Balance** - Saints had to function here without belonging here.
7. **Passing Things Stayed Passing** - No temporary structure deserved a permanent heart.

1 Corinthians 7:32 – 7 Advantages of Undivided Care

1. **Paul Wanted Relief** - His aim was to spare believers needless distraction.
2. **Singleness Had Value** - The unmarried state offered real spiritual usefulness.
3. **Freedom Could Serve God** - Fewer earthly ties could mean greater availability.
4. **The Lord's Things Mattered** - Spiritual concerns were to shape a single man's life.
5. **Pleasing Christ Governed All** - The main ambition was to honor the Lord.

6. **Liberty Needed Stewardship** - Freedom was not for self-centered living.
7. **Undivided Service Was Possible** - A single man could focus more directly on God's work.

1 Corinthians 7:33 – 7 Duties That Come With Marriage

1. **Marriage Changed His Focus** - A married man had new responsibilities he could not ignore.
2. **Worldly Care Was Lawful** - Earthly concerns became part of his rightful stewardship.
3. **Household Needs Mattered** - Marriage brought daily practical burdens into view.
4. **His Wife Required Attention** - Her welfare became part of his calling before God.
5. **Pleasing Her Took Thought** - A husband had to consider her peace and good.
6. **Freedom Was More Limited** - Marriage reduced the directness of single-minded service.
7. **Duty Replaced Fantasy** - Marriage was shown as covenant stewardship, not romance alone.

1 Corinthians 7:34 – 7 Differences Between Wife and Virgin

1. **The Conditions Were Different** - A wife and a virgin did not live under the same claims.
2. **Singleness Had Advantage** - The unmarried woman could care more directly for the Lord's things.
3. **Holiness Was Whole-Person** - Her body and spirit could be more simply set apart.
4. **Marriage Added Earthly Care** - A wife carried domestic concerns the virgin did not.
5. **Her Husband Entered the Equation** - She now had to consider how to please him.
6. **Consecration Was Still Possible** - Each condition could still be lived faithfully before God.
7. **God Recognized Both States** - Scripture treated both as real callings with real duties.

1 Corinthians 7:35 – 7 Reasons Paul Was Not Trapping Them

1. **Paul Sought Their Profit** - His counsel aimed at spiritual advantage, not control.
2. **No Snare Was Intended** - He refused to bind consciences beyond God's liberty.
3. **Comeliness Was the Goal** - He wanted what was fitting and spiritually becoming.
4. **Order Mattered Deeply** - A well-arranged life better suited devotion to Christ.
5. **Attendance Was Central** - The real aim was serving the Lord with directness.
6. **Distraction Was the Enemy** - Avoidable entanglements weakened spiritual usefulness.
7. **Devotion Had Priority** - Everything pointed toward attending upon the Lord freely.

1 Corinthians 7:36 – 7 Times Marriage Becomes the Right Course

1. **Impropriety Could Arise** - Continued delay could become uncomely in a real case.
2. **Season Still Mattered** - Passing the flower of age affected the situation.
3. **Need Could Require Action** - Practical necessity sometimes overruled delay.
4. **Liberty Was Granted** - Paul allowed the matter to proceed without bondage.
5. **No Sin Was Charged** - Marriage in that case was not morally wrong.
6. **Theory Had Limits** - Singleness was not to be forced past propriety.
7. **Marriage Was Honored** - Lawful union remained God's proper remedy.

1 Corinthians 7:37 – 7 Marks of a Settled Decision

1. **His Heart Was Steadfast** - He was inwardly settled and not wavering.
2. **No Necessity Pressed** - Nothing forced the case toward marriage.
3. **Self-Control Was Present** - He had power over his own will.
4. **The Choice Was Deliberate** - He had decreed the matter in his heart.
5. **Restraint Was Lawful** - Keeping the virgin unmarried was permissible.

6. **Wisdom Governed the Case** - The course fit the actual condition.
7. **Paul Called It Well** - The decision was good under those terms.

1 Corinthians 7:38 – 7 Truths About Good and Better

1. **Paul Drew a Conclusion** - He summed up the two lawful paths.
2. **Marriage Was Still Good** - Giving her in marriage did well.
3. **Singleness Could Be Better** - Not giving her in marriage did better.
4. **Comparison Was Practical** - The issue was advantage, not sin.
5. **Freedom From Care Mattered** - Singleness offered less distraction.
6. **Both Paths Were Lawful** - Paul condemned neither course as wrong.
7. **Wisdom Ranked the Options** - He judged by usefulness for the Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:39 – 7 Boundaries of Marriage and Liberty

1. **Marriage Was a Bond** - A wife was bound while her husband lived.
2. **Law Governed the Union** - Marriage stood as a real covenant.
3. **Death Changed the Case** - The bond ended when the husband died.
4. **Liberty Then Began** - The widow was free to marry again.
5. **Remarriage Was Allowed** - She could lawfully enter another marriage.
6. **Choice Still Had Limits** - Freedom was not reckless independence.
7. **The Lord Ruled It** - Any remarriage had to be in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:40 – 7 Reasons Abiding May Be Happier

1. **Paul Gave His Judgment** - He offered a final apostolic conclusion.
2. **Widowhood Could Be Happier** - Remaining as she was might be more blessed.
3. **Liberty Was Still Preserved** - Remarriage remained lawful from verse 39.

4. **Happiness Meant More Than Emotion** - Paul meant peace and freedom from added care.
5. **Abiding Could Reduce Burden** - Staying single could lessen earthly distraction.
6. **The Counsel Was Spirit-Guided** - Paul said he had the Spirit of God.
7. **The Chapter Ended in Balance** - Lawful liberty and wiser restraint were both upheld.

1 Corinthians 8:1 – 7 Warnings About Knowledge Without Charity

1. **Idol Questions Arose** - Paul turned to the issue of things offered to idols.
2. **Knowledge Was Claimed** - The Corinthians believed they all understood the matter.
3. **Facts Alone Were Dangerous** - Correct information did not settle conduct by itself.
4. **Knowledge Could Inflate** - Truth mishandled by pride made men swell inwardly.
5. **Pride Lurked Nearby** - The danger was not ignorance alone but arrogant knowing.
6. **Charity Built Others** - Love considered the effect on weaker brethren.
7. **Edification Mattered More** - Paul redirected them from display to spiritual usefulness.

1 Corinthians 8:2 – 7 Truths About Knowing Rightly

1. **Self-Estimation Was Exposed** - Paul began with what a man thinks about himself.
2. **Pride Could Hide in Facts** - A man might know truth and still be swollen.
3. **Knowing Was Not Enough** - Information alone did not make a man mature.
4. **Nothing Was Yet Learned Rightly** - Pride proved he had missed the deeper lesson.
5. **Knowledge Had a Proper Way** - Truth had to be held as it ought to be held.
6. **Humility Was Still Missing** - The proud knower had not yet learned lowliness.
7. **Maturity Required More** - Real knowing demanded the right spirit with the right facts.

1 Corinthians 8:3 – 7 Marks of the Man God Knows

1. **Love Replaced Vanity** - Paul moved from swollen knowledge to loving God.
2. **Any Man Was Included** - The principle applied to every believer, not a few.
3. **Godward Affection Mattered** - The heart's love for God became the main issue.
4. **Love Ruled Knowledge** - Truth became safer when governed by right affection.
5. **Heaven Marked That Man** - Paul singled out the one who truly loves God.
6. **Divine Recognition Was Higher** - Being known of God surpassed being admired by men.
7. **Relationship Stood Central** - The real glory was belonging to the Lord, not impressing others.

1 Corinthians 8:4 – 7 Truths About Idols and the One God

1. **Paul Returned to the Issue** - He came back to the matter of idol-meats directly.
2. **Food Was the Surface Question** - The deeper issue involved conscience and worship.
3. **The Idol Was Empty** - It had no real deity in itself.
4. **False Gods Were Exposed** - Pagan worship rested on lies, not true divinity.
5. **One God Stood Alone** - Paul affirmed the absolute uniqueness of the true God.
6. **Liberty Needed Balance** - Right doctrine still had to be used with care.
7. **Truth Defied Paganism** - Christian faith rejected every rival claim to deity.

1 Corinthians 8:5 – 7 Truths About the World's Many Gods

1. **False Titles Abounded** - Many things were called gods without being true gods.
2. **Heaven Was Corrupted Too** - Men attached deity to celestial powers and realms.
3. **Earth Was Full of Idols** - Pagan culture filled daily life with false sacred claims.
4. **Gods Were Multiplied** - Fallen man kept inventing objects of worship.

5. **Lords Were Also Many** - False authority claims stood beside false divine claims.
6. **Names Did Not Create Reality** - What men called divine remained false before God.
7. **Paganism Was Exposed** - Paul described the whole counterfeit religious system plainly.

1 Corinthians 8:6 – 7 Confessions That Settle Everything

1. **Believers Stood Apart** - “To us” marked the saints off from pagan confusion.
2. **One God Was Confessed** - The Father alone stood as the true God.
3. **All Things Came From Him** - The Father was the source of all creation.
4. **We Stood In Him** - Believers lived in relation to the Father.
5. **One Lord Was Named** - Jesus Christ alone held rightful lordship.
6. **All Things Came By Him** - The Son stood as the divine agent of creation.
7. **We Lived By Him** - Christian life itself stood through the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 8:7 – 7 Warnings About a Weak Conscience

1. **Knowledge Was Uneven** - Not every believer stood in the same understanding.
2. **Old Associations Remained** - Former idolatry still shaped some consciences.
3. **The Past Still Clung** - “Unto this hour” showed lingering spiritual baggage.
4. **The Act Was Misread** - Some still ate as though the idol-connection remained active.
5. **Outward Sameness Misled** - Two people could do one act with different consciences.
6. **Weakness Needed Care** - A tender conscience required patience, not pressure.
7. **Defilement Could Follow** - Acting against conscience left the weaker saint wounded.

1 Corinthians 8:8 – 7 Truths About Meat and Merit

1. **Food Could Not Commend** - Meat did not establish anyone before God.
2. **Eating Added No Merit** - Liberty did not make a believer spiritually better.
3. **Abstaining Added No Defect** - Refusing meat did not make a believer worse.
4. **Ceremonial Religion Was Cut Down** - Outward food acts could not create righteousness.
5. **Liberty Was Not a Trophy** - The strong brother had no ground for boasting.
6. **Weakness Was Not Inferiority** - The abstainer was not lower in God's acceptance.
7. **Standing Rested Elsewhere** - Acceptance with God was not built on the plate.

1 Corinthians 8:9 – 7 Warnings About Misused Liberty

1. **A Caution Was Given** - Paul told the strong to take heed.
2. **Liberty Was Real** - The freedom itself was not denied.
3. **Carelessness Was Dangerous** - Right doctrine could still be mishandled.
4. **Stumbling Could Follow** - Liberty might trip another believer.
5. **The Weak Were in View** - Paul centered the danger on weaker saints.
6. **Influence Had Weight** - Personal conduct could affect others deeply.
7. **Love Had to Govern** - Freedom needed charity over self-assertion.

1 Corinthians 8:10 – 7 Dangers of a Public Example

1. **Someone Was Watching** - A weaker brother could see the stronger saint.
2. **Knowledge Did Not Prevent Harm** - The informed believer could still injure another.
3. **The Setting Spoke Loudly** - Sitting in the idol's temple sent a message.
4. **Example Could Push Others** - Visible conduct could embolden imitation.
5. **False Boldness Could Rise** - The weak might act beyond their conscience.
6. **Outward Imitation Misled** - Copying the act did not mean inward freedom.

7. **Liberty Could Become Pressure** - What was safe for one became harmful for another.

1 Corinthians 8:11 – 7 Truths About a Brother Christ Bought

1. **Knowledge Could Misfire** - Truth mishandled became the channel of harm.
2. **The Weak Could Be Ruined** - Serious spiritual damage was in view.
3. **Liberty Was Not Neutral** - Careless freedom could destroy instead of build.
4. **The Issue Became Personal** - Paul pointed at “thy knowledge” directly.
5. **The Brother Had Great Worth** - Christ died for that weak believer.
6. **Calvary Changed the Measure** - The cross made selfish liberty look ugly.
7. **Love Had to Yield** - No meal was worth a brother’s injury.

1 Corinthians 8:12 – 7 Sins Against Christ Through the Brethren

1. **The Act Was Called Sin** - Paul no longer left the matter indirect.
2. **The Brethren Were Wronged** - Loveless liberty struck fellow believers.
3. **Weak Conscience Was Wounded** - Inward moral injury was plainly named.
4. **Knowledge Could Turn Cruel** - Correct doctrine still could be used sinfully.
5. **Christ Took It Personally** - Wounding the brethren was sin against Him.
6. **The Body Was Sacred** - Harm done to members reached the Head.
7. **Love Was Non-Negotiable** - Strength without charity became offense to Christ.

1 Corinthians 8:13 – 7 Resolutions of True Charity

1. **Paul Drew a Conclusion** - He moved from warning to personal resolve.
2. **The Brother Came First** - Another saint’s good outweighed lawful pleasure.
3. **Offense Was Taken Seriously** - Real stumbling had to be prevented.
4. **Liberty Could Be Surrendered** - Paul would give up a real freedom.

5. **Self-Denial Was Chosen** - He refused to please himself at another's cost.
6. **The Commitment Was Strong** - "While the world standeth" showed full resolve.
7. **Love Became the Standard** - Charity ruled where mere rights once stood.

Chapter 9

1 Corinthians 9:1 – 7 Evidences of Paul's Apostolic Authority

1. **Paul Claimed His Office** - He openly affirmed that he was truly an apostle.
2. **Paul Possessed Liberty** - He reminded them that he was genuinely free.
3. **Paul Had Seen Christ** - His apostleship rested on seeing the risen Lord.
4. **Christ Was Central** - His authority came from Jesus Christ our Lord.
5. **The Corinthians Were Proof** - Their church existence testified to his ministry.
6. **His Work Was Spiritual** - The fruit of his labor stood "in the Lord."
7. **Doubt Was Rebuked** - The questions exposed how obvious the answer should have been.

1 Corinthians 9:2 – 7 Reasons Corinth Could Not Deny Paul

1. **Others Might Question** - Some elsewhere might fail to recognize his office.
2. **Corinth Could Not** - The Corinthians had firsthand evidence before them.
3. **Doubt Was Inexcusable** - Paul said his apostleship to them was beyond dispute.
4. **They Were the Seal** - Their very existence marked his ministry as genuine.
5. **Fruit Authenticated Office** - God's work among them confirmed his calling.
6. **The Proof Was Personal** - They themselves stood as living evidence.
7. **The Lord Framed It All** - Even their role as proof was "in the Lord."

1 Corinthians 9:3 – 7 Marks of Paul’s Defense

1. **Paul Gave an Answer** - He did not leave criticism unanswered.
2. **Critics Were Real** - Actual people were examining and questioning him.
3. **The Matter Was Serious** - His ministry and rights were under scrutiny.
4. **His Tone Was Controlled** - He answered with order, not fleshly outburst.
5. **Truth Could Be Defended** - Paul showed that real ministry may require response.
6. **He Was Not Ruled by Critics** - He answered them without bowing to them.
7. **A Case Was Coming** - The chapter unfolds the substance of his reply.

1 Corinthians 9:4 – 7 Truths About a Minister’s Right

1. **Paul Spoke of Power** - He meant rightful authority, not force.
2. **The Right Was Real** - Gospel laborers truly had lawful claims.
3. **Support Included Basics** - Food and drink stood for ordinary provision.
4. **Ministers Still Had Bodies** - Spiritual work did not erase human needs.
5. **The Question Was Practical** - Paul began with the simplest level of fairness.
6. **Rights Existed Before Sacrifice** - He first proved the claim before laying it down.
7. **False Spirituality Was Exposed** - Denying basic support was not holiness.

1 Corinthians 9:5 – 7 Rights of Marriage in Ministry

1. **The Right Was Real** - Paul affirmed a lawful liberty, not a private wish.
2. **Travel Was Included** - A minister could lead about his wife in service.
3. **Purity Was Guarded** - She was a sister in Christ and a wife in covenant.
4. **Marriage Was Honorable** - Ministry and marriage were not set against each other.
5. **Other Apostles Practiced It** - Paul appealed to accepted apostolic precedent.
6. **The Lord’s Brethren Confirmed It** - Even Christ’s earthly brethren stood as examples.

7. **Cephas Sealed the Point** - Peter's case exposed Corinth's inconsistency plainly.

1 Corinthians 9:6 – 7 Truths About Forbearing Secular Labor

1. **Barnabas Was Included** - Paul made the principle larger than himself alone.
2. **The Right Existed** - They lawfully possessed this liberty whether used or not.
3. **Secular Work Was the Issue** - Paul meant ordinary trade for support.
4. **Ministry Counted as Labor** - Gospel service was real work before God.
5. **Support Was Just** - A laborer need not always finance his own ministry.
6. **Sacrifice Was Voluntary** - Not using the right did not erase the right.
7. **Uneven Standards Were Rebuked** - Paul exposed selective treatment of God's servants.

1 Corinthians 9:7 – 7 Common-Sense Proofs of Ministerial Support

1. **The Soldier Was Supplied** - Warfare did not run on private funding.
2. **The Vineyard Had Fruit** - The planter rightly partook of the harvest.
3. **The Shepherd Fed the Flock** - Ongoing care was part of real labor.
4. **The Flock Gave Milk** - The caretaker received lawful nourishment from the work.
5. **Three Pictures Agreed** - War, farming, and shepherding taught one principle.
6. **Fairness Was Obvious** - Ordinary life already preached Paul's case clearly.
7. **Ministry Was Included** - Spiritual labor deserved no less justice than earthly work.

1 Corinthians 9:8 – 7 Truths About Paul's Scriptural Defense

1. **Common Sense Was Used** - Paul began with what honest life already showed.
2. **Human Reason Was Not Enough** - He refused to rest the case on opinion alone.
3. **The Law Confirmed It** - Scripture said the same thing his examples taught.
4. **Revelation and Reality Agreed** - God's word matched God's order in life.

5. **The Principle Was Biblical** - Ministerial support was rooted in divine truth.
6. **The Argument Grew Stronger** - Paul moved from illustration to revelation.
7. **Critics Lost Their Escape** - They could not dismiss the matter as merely human.

1 Corinthians 9:9 – 7 Truths From the Law of the Ox

1. **Moses Was Cited** - Paul grounded the case in written Scripture.
2. **The Command Was Plain** - God forbade muzzling the laboring ox.
3. **Labor Was In View** - The ox was actively treading the corn.
4. **Provision Was Allowed** - The worker was not cut off from sustenance.
5. **God's Justice Appeared** - Even simple case law revealed His fairness.
6. **The Surface Was Not the Limit** - The text carried a broader moral principle.
7. **Scripture Strengthened the Argument** - Paul moved from common sense to divine law.

1 Corinthians 9:10 – 7 Lessons From Laboring in Hope

1. **The Law Reached Further** - The command was written for human instruction too.
2. **Paul Spoke With Certainty** - He said “no doubt” about its meaning.
3. **The Plowman Had Hope** - Labor was not meant to be hopeless toil.
4. **The Thresher Had Hope** - Later-stage labor stood under the same principle.
5. **Hope Belonged to Work** - God joined righteous expectation to real labor.
6. **Partaking Was Fitting** - The worker should share in the hoped-for fruit.
7. **Ministry Was Included** - Paul applied the whole principle to gospel labor.

1 Corinthians 9:11 – 7 Truths About Sowing and Reaping

1. **Spiritual Seed Was Sown** - Paul and his companions planted eternal truth.
2. **The Corinthians Benefited** - They had received real spiritual riches.

3. **The Comparison Was Exposed** - Paul set spiritual things over against temporal things.
4. **The Return Was Modest** - Material support was no great thing by comparison.
5. **Carnal Meant Temporal** - Paul meant bodily provisions, not moral corruption.
6. **Reaping Was Just** - Support belonged lawfully to the same field of labor.
7. **Ingratitude Was Rebuked** - Begrudging temporal help after spiritual blessing was shameful.

1 Corinthians 9:12 – 7 Glories of a Surrendered Right

1. **Others Already Partook** - The Corinthians had recognized this right elsewhere.
2. **Paul's Claim Was Stronger** - His right in relation to them was especially clear.
3. **The Right Was Real** - Paul did not deny the lawful claim.
4. **Nevertheless Changed Everything** - He chose not to use the right.
5. **Suffering Was Accepted** - Real hardship came with that decision.
6. **The Gospel Ruled the Choice** - Paul acted to avoid hindering Christ's message.
7. **Liberty Was Restrained by Love** - He valued the gospel above personal claims.

1 Corinthians 9:13 – 7 Lessons From the Temple and Altar

1. **Known Truth Was Expected** - Paul rebuked ignorance about sacred service.
2. **Holy Things Had Ministers** - Temple laborers served in God-appointed duties.
3. **Sacred Work Was Real Work** - Holiness did not erase practical labor.
4. **Temple Service Provided** - Those who ministered lived from temple things.
5. **Altar Workers Partook** - Those waiting at the altar shared in its provision.
6. **Material Support Was Clean** - God joined holy service with lawful provision.
7. **The Pattern Was Established** - Temple order prepared Paul's gospel application.

1 Corinthians 9:14 – 7 Truths About Living of the Gospel

1. **The Pattern Continued** - “Even so” connected gospel ministry to God’s order.
2. **The Lord Ordained It** - Support was appointed by Christ’s authority.
3. **Preachers Were in View** - The right belonged to those preaching the gospel.
4. **Gospel Labor Was Real** - Preaching Christ counted as worthy work.
5. **Livelihood Was Lawful** - Ministers could rightly live from gospel service.
6. **The Gospel Stayed Free** - Support did not mean selling salvation.
7. **Abuse Was Not Excused** - Lawful support never justified covetous ministry.

1 Corinthians 9:15 – 7 Marks of Paul’s Clean Refusal

1. **The Rights Were Unused** - Paul refused the privileges he had proved lawful.
2. **The Motive Was Clear** - He was not writing to receive support.
3. **Principle Was Defended** - Paul taught truth without seeking personal gain.
4. **Death Was Preferred** - He would rather die than lose his testimony.
5. **His Glorifying Was Holy** - He rejoiced in preaching freely, not in self.
6. **Suspicion Was Avoided** - His refusal kept critics from charging greed.
7. **The Gospel Came First** - Paul valued Christ’s message above lawful claims.

1 Corinthians 9:16 – 7 Truths About Gospel Necessity

1. **The Gospel Was Central** - Paul’s burden was preaching Christ’s saving message.
2. **Preaching Brought No Boasting** - Duty performed gave no room for pride.
3. **Necessity Was Laid** - Paul carried a divine charge, not a hobby.
4. **Calling Was Compelling** - Christ’s commission pressed him into service.
5. **Woe Was Serious** - Failure to preach carried solemn accountability.
6. **The Message Could Not Wait** - Paul was not free to neglect the gospel.
7. **The Servant Stayed Humble** - He preached under orders, not self-glory.

1 Corinthians 9:17 – 7 Truths About Willing Stewardship

1. **Willingness Mattered** - Paul distinguished spirit of service from bare obligation.
2. **Reward Was Real** - God notices willing obedience in the steward.
3. **Constraint Was Possible** - Duty could be carried under burden rather than delight.
4. **The Charge Remained** - Feelings did not erase the ministry committed to him.
5. **The Gospel Was a Trust** - Paul held it as a dispensation, not a hobby.
6. **Stewardship Required Faithfulness** - The task had to be fulfilled before God.
7. **Heart and Duty Met** - The noblest service joined charge with willing surrender.

1 Corinthians 9:18 – 7 Rewards in Preaching Freely

1. **Paul Asked the Question** - He clarified what reward meant in his ministry.
2. **The Reward Was Spiritual** - It was not centered in gain or comfort.
3. **The Gospel Stayed Free** - He preached Christ without attaching a charge.
4. **Rights Were Restrained** - Paul refused to press lawful claims there.
5. **Power Could Be Abused** - Liberty had to stay under gospel discipline.
6. **Clarity Was Guarded** - He would not let money cloud the message.
7. **Reward Was Testimony** - His joy was a clean gospel course before men.

1 Corinthians 9:19 – 7 Freedoms of a Servant-Hearted Man

1. **Paul Was Truly Free** - No human group owned or controlled him.
2. **Service Was Voluntary** - He made himself servant by choice.
3. **Christ Ruled His Liberty** - Freedom was exercised under one Lord.
4. **All Were in View** - His service stretched broadly toward many kinds of people.
5. **Self Was Lowered** - He surrendered personal claims for others' good.
6. **Souls Were the Aim** - He served in order to gain more people.
7. **Liberty Became Love** - Freedom turned outward instead of orbiting self.

1 Corinthians 9:20 – 7 Ways Paul Reached the Jews

1. **He Moved Toward Them** - Paul adjusted himself to Jewish hearers.
2. **He Did Not Change the Gospel** - The message stayed fixed while his manner adapted.
3. **He Used Lawful Restraint** - Personal liberty was held back when needed.
4. **He Entered Their World** - He reasoned within categories they understood.
5. **He Stayed Free in Christ** - “As under the law” did not mean back in bondage.
6. **He Removed Needless Offense** - Avoidable barriers were not allowed to block hearing.
7. **He Wanted to Gain Them** - Winning Jews to Christ was the driving aim.

1 Corinthians 9:21 – 7 Lessons From Paul’s Gentile Approach

1. **Gentiles Were in View** - Paul turned toward those outside the law-order.
2. **He Adapted Lawfully** - He moved among them as without law.
3. **Lawlessness Was Rejected** - Paul was never without law to God.
4. **Christ Still Ruled** - He remained under the law to Christ.
5. **Jewish Forms Were Not Forced** - He did not impose Moses on Gentiles.
6. **The Gospel Stayed Clear** - Adaptation never meant doctrinal compromise.
7. **Souls Were the Aim** - He adjusted himself to gain those without law.

1 Corinthians 9:22 – 7 Truths About Reaching the Weak

1. **Weak Souls Mattered** - Paul did not treat them as inconveniences.
2. **Strength Stooped Down** - He became as weak to help the weak.
3. **Liberty Was Restrained** - He would not flaunt freedom before tender consciences.
4. **Love Governed Conduct** - Personal rights bowed to spiritual good.
5. **Flexibility Had Limits** - Paul adapted without surrendering truth.
6. **Saving Some Drove Him** - Evangelistic burden shaped his behavior.

7. **All Means Had Boundaries** - Only lawful means served Christ's cause.

1 Corinthians 9:23 – 7 Reasons Paul Did This

1. **The Gospel Was Central** - Everything was done for the gospel's sake.
2. **Conduct Was Deliberate** - Paul said, "this I do."
3. **Rights Served the Message** - He ordered liberty around gospel advance.
4. **Self Was Not the Center** - Christ's cause outranked personal comfort.
5. **Participation Was Desired** - Paul wanted to be partaker of the gospel.
6. **Fellowship Was Shared** - He longed to partake of it with them.
7. **Ministry Was Lived Truth** - The message shaped his actual course.

1 Corinthians 9:24 – 7 Lessons From Running to Obtain

1. **The Race Was Real** - Paul pictured the Christian life as a course.
2. **Many Were Running** - Being on the track alone was not enough.
3. **The Prize Mattered** - The runner's aim was obtaining, not drifting.
4. **Seriousness Was Required** - Casual effort did not fit the image.
5. **Purpose Had to Lead** - The course was not to be run uncertainly.
6. **Grace Did Not Cancel Effort** - Salvation by grace still called for discipline.
7. **Believers Must Run Hard** - Paul urged them to run to obtain.

1 Corinthians 9:25 – 7 Lessons From Striving for the Mastery

1. **Serious Contenders Strive** - Paul pictured the Christian life as earnest pursuit.
2. **Temperance Is Essential** - The runner must rule himself in all things.
3. **Discipline Touches Everything** - No area of life is outside the training.
4. **Earthly Crowns Decay** - Worldly prizes are temporary and fading.
5. **Believers Aim Higher** - Christians pursue an incorruptible reward.

6. **Grace Does Not Excuse Slackness** - Eternal reward gives more reason for discipline.
7. **The Prize Shapes Conduct** - What a man seeks determines how he lives.

1 Corinthians 9:26 – 7 Marks of a Purposeful Runner

1. **Paul Ran Personally** - He applied the race image to himself.
2. **His Course Had Direction** - He did not run with uncertainty.
3. **Aim Governed Effort** - His energy was not scattered or vague.
4. **The Christian Also Fights** - The course involves conflict as well as running.
5. **His Blows Had Target** - Paul did not waste effort beating the air.
6. **Activity Was Not Enough** - Motion without purpose was rejected.
7. **Focused Living Matters** - Spiritual exertion must land where it should.

1 Corinthians 9:27 – 7 Warnings From Paul's Self-Discipline

1. **The Body Must Be Ruled** - Paul refused to let appetite reign.
2. **Self Was the First Target** - His warfare landed inward before outward.
3. **Subjection Was Ongoing** - Bodily discipline was a continual practice.
4. **Ministry Did Not Remove Danger** - Preaching to others did not make him exempt.
5. **Watchfulness Was Necessary** - Paul lived carefully lest he fail in the course.
6. **Disqualification Was Feared** - He would not trifle with becoming a castaway.
7. **The Crown Was Worth It** - He disciplined himself because reward and approval mattered.

1 Corinthians 10:1 – 7 Warnings From Israel's Cloud and Sea

1. **Ignorance Was Dangerous** - Paul did not want the brethren blind to Israel's lesson.
2. **The Fathers Were Privileged** - Israel stood under extraordinary divine dealings.
3. **The Cloud Covered Them** - God's presence and guidance marked their path.

4. **The Sea Opened Before Them** - They witnessed miraculous deliverance from Egypt.
5. **All Shared the Blessing** - The whole nation participated outwardly in the mercy.
6. **Privilege Did Not End the Danger** - Great experiences did not guarantee faithfulness.
7. **History Was a Warning** - Israel's story was meant to sober Corinth.

1 Corinthians 10:2 – 7 Lessons From Baptism Unto Moses

1. **All Were Identified** - The nation was publicly joined under Moses.
2. **Moses Was God's Leader** - Their wilderness order centered under his ministry.
3. **The Cloud Marked Them** - Divine presence framed their identification.
4. **The Sea Separated Them** - Egypt was behind and a new course lay ahead.
5. **Outward Union Was Real** - They stood together in a common privilege.
6. **Signs Did Not Save the Heart** - Shared identification did not ensure obedience.
7. **Presumption Was Rebuked** - External participation was not enough.

1 Corinthians 10:3 – 7 Truths From Israel's Spiritual Meat

1. **All Were Fed** - God supplied the whole people in the wilderness.
2. **The Provision Was Shared** - They all ate the same heaven-sent food.
3. **The Meat Was Spiritual** - The manna carried divine meaning beyond appetite.
4. **God Was Their Sustainer** - Their survival came from Him, not themselves.
5. **Privilege Was Daily** - Mercy met them again and again in the desert.
6. **Outward Feeding Was Not Enough** - Shared provision did not guarantee faithful hearts.
7. **Christ Was Foreshadowed** - The bread pointed beyond itself to greater truth.

1 Corinthians 10:4 – 7 Lessons From the Spiritual Rock

1. **All Were Given Drink** - God refreshed the people in the wilderness.

2. **The Drink Was Spiritual** - The water came with divine significance.
3. **The Rock Was More Than Stone** - It carried a deeper redemptive meaning.
4. **Provision Followed Them** - God's sustaining mercy accompanied their course.
5. **Christ Stood Behind It** - The Rock pointed directly to Him.
6. **Privilege Was Christ-Centered** - Their history was full of testimony about Him.
7. **Light Increased Accountability** - Even Christ-loaded mercies could be despised.

1 Corinthians 10:5 – 7 Warnings From God's Displeasure

1. **Privilege Was Not Enough** - Many shared blessings yet still displeased God.
2. **The Contrast Was Severe** - Mercy in verses 1-4 gave way to judgment here.
3. **God's Pleasure Was Central** - The real issue was His approval, not outward status.
4. **Many Were Involved** - This was no tiny fringe failure.
5. **The Wilderness Became a Graveyard** - Their overthrow was public and devastating.
6. **Beginnings Did Not Secure Endings** - Deliverance did not excuse later rebellion.
7. **Presumption Was Shattered** - Shared sacred experience gave no license to boast.

1 Corinthians 10:6 – 7 Lessons From Israel's Evil Desires

1. **History Was Aimed** - God recorded these events with purpose.
2. **The Church Was Targeted** - These examples were written for us.
3. **Lust Came First** - The inward craving was the root problem.
4. **Evil Desire Was Named** - Paul did not soften what the heart wanted.
5. **Privilege Did Not Kill Appetite** - Sacred blessings did not silence fleshly cravings.
6. **Israel Set the Pattern** - Their lust became a mirror for later saints.
7. **Warning Was Preventive** - Scripture was meant to stop the same sin in us.

1 Corinthians 10:7 – 7 Truths From the Golden Calf Warning

1. **Idolatry Was Forbidden** - Paul gave a direct command, not a suggestion.
2. **Some of Them Fell** - Even privileged people became idolaters.
3. **Scripture Interpreted the Scene** - Paul anchored the warning in what was written.
4. **The Table Was Corrupted** - Eating and drinking joined hands with false worship.
5. **Play Became Pollution** - Celebration turned into fleshly corruption.
6. **Idols Invite the Flesh** - False worship quickly unleashes sensual indulgence.
7. **Corinth Was Being Exposed** - Their culture made this warning painfully relevant.

1 Corinthians 10:8 – 7 Lessons From the Fall at Baal-peor

1. **Fornication Was Condemned** - Paul named sexual sin without softening it.
2. **Israel's Sin Was Remembered** - The wilderness record stood as a live warning.
3. **Some Still Fell** - Sacred privilege did not make the body safe.
4. **Idolatry and Lust Joined** - Sexual sin traveled with false worship.
5. **Judgment Came Swiftly** - Many fell in one day.
6. **The Cost Was Massive** - Twenty-three thousand deaths made the warning concrete.
7. **The Body Must Be Ruled** - Appetite ungoverned leads to ruin.

1 Corinthians 10:9 – 7 Warnings From Tempting Christ

1. **Christ Was Present There** - Paul showed the wilderness sins were committed against Christ.
2. **Tempting Meant Provoking** - They tested His patience through unbelief and complaint.
3. **Some Went Too Far** - The warning came from actual historical rebellion.
4. **Mercy Was Despised** - They resented the Lord's provision in the way.
5. **The Sin Was Personal** - Their complaints were not against circumstances alone.

6. **Judgment Came by Serpents** - God answered their rebellion with deadly severity.
7. **The Church Must Fear** - Paul warned believers not to push against Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:10 – 7 Truths About the Sin of Murmuring

1. **Murmuring Was Forbidden** - Paul named grumbling as a real wilderness sin.
2. **Complaint Was Rebellion** - Their words rose against God's order and providence.
3. **Some Spread the Spirit** - A portion of the people poisoned the camp.
4. **Privilege Did Not Stop It** - They complained while living under mercy.
5. **God Heard the Murmurs** - Heaven took the muttering more seriously than men do.
6. **The Destroyer Answered** - Judgment came by God's appointed instrument.
7. **The Church Must Watch Speech** - Grumbling is not a harmless personality flaw.

1 Corinthians 10:11 – 7 Lessons From What Was Written

1. **The Events Really Happened** - Paul grounded the warning in true history.
2. **History Became Example** - God designed those events to teach later saints.
3. **The Record Was Written** - Scripture preserved the warning for future generations.
4. **The Church Was Addressed** - These things were written for our admonition.
5. **Admonition Was the Aim** - God intended the text to restrain sin.
6. **The Ages Had Ripened** - The church lives under climactic redemptive light.
7. **Greater Light Means Greater Weight** - Later believers have less excuse to ignore the warning.

1 Corinthians 10:12 – 7 Warnings to the Self-Confident

1. **The Conclusion Was Personal** - Paul brought the wilderness lesson to the reader.
2. **Self-Confidence Was Targeted** - The one who thinks he stands is in danger.
3. **Pride Distorts Vision** - Presumption makes a man trust himself too much.

4. **Heedfulness Was Commanded** - The proper response was watchful caution.
5. **Falling Was Possible** - The warning assumed real danger in the course.
6. **Warning Was Preventive** - God spoke so the fall might be avoided.
7. **Humility Is Safer** - The trembling saint is safer than the swaggering one.

1 Corinthians 10:13 – 7 Truths About Temptation and Escape

1. **Temptation Was Real** - Paul did not deny the pressure believers feel.
2. **The Trial Was Common** - Their struggle was not beyond human experience.
3. **God Remained Faithful** - The center of hope was not man but God.
4. **Limits Were Set** - Temptation was never allowed to rule without bounds.
5. **Escape Was Provided** - God made a way through the pressure.
6. **Bearing Was Possible** - The believer could endure without surrendering.
7. **Excuses Were Cut Off** - Temptation could not be treated as irresistible fate.

1 Corinthians 10:14 – 7 Lessons From Fleeing Idolatry

1. **Warnings Demanded Action** - Paul moved from history to immediate obedience.
2. **Love Framed the Command** - He spoke as to his dearly beloved.
3. **Fleeing Was Urgent** - Idolatry was not to be managed up close.
4. **Distance Was Wisdom** - The safe response was separation, not testing limits.
5. **Idolatry Was Specific** - Paul named the danger plainly.
6. **Culture Did Not Cleanse It** - Common pagan practice remained spiritually corrupt.
7. **Escape Had a Door** - The God-made way out often meant run.

1 Corinthians 10:15 – 7 Marks of Sanctified Judgment

1. **Paul Addressed Thinkers** - He called them to reason rightly under truth.
2. **Wisdom Was Being Tested** - Their claimed maturity had to prove itself.

3. **Judgment Was Required** - They were to discern, not drift.
4. **Truth Was the Standard** - They had to judge what Paul said.
5. **Warning and Reason Joined** - Strong commands came with clear argument.
6. **Association Needed Evaluation** - Spiritual meaning had to be weighed carefully.
7. **Real Wisdom Submitted** - Discernment had to bow to apostolic truth.

1 Corinthians 10:16 – 7 Truths From the Lord’s Table

1. **The Cup Was Blessed** - The church handled it as a holy act.
2. **The Cup Meant Communion** - It signified fellowship in Christ’s blood.
3. **The Bread Was Broken** - The act was shared and deliberate.
4. **The Bread Meant Participation** - It signified communion in Christ’s body.
5. **The Supper Was Corporate** - Paul stressed what “we” bless and break.
6. **The Table Was Not Empty** - Participation carried real spiritual meaning.
7. **Fellowship Could Not Be Neutral** - Shared eating and drinking always signified something.

1 Corinthians 10:17 – 7 Truths From the One Bread

1. **Many Were Truly Many** - Paul acknowledged the church’s real plurality.
2. **The Bread Declared Unity** - One loaf visibly preached one people.
3. **The Body Was One** - Believers were joined together in Christ.
4. **Partaking Was Shared** - The table was corporate, not isolated.
5. **Christ Was the Common Portion** - All fed from the same redemptive source.
6. **Division Was Rebuked** - Their conduct had to match the table’s message.
7. **Fellowship Carried Meaning** - Shared bread expressed shared identity.

1 Corinthians 10:18 – 7 Lessons From Israel’s Altar Fellowship

1. **Israel Was the Example** - Paul pointed to literal covenant worship.
2. **Sacrificial Eating Mattered** - The act meant more than taking food.
3. **The Altar Defined the Meal** - Worship context shaped the act's meaning.
4. **Partaking Meant Participation** - Eaters shared in the altar's fellowship.
5. **Sacred Acts Were Not Neutral** - Worship actions carried spiritual weight.
6. **Context Controlled Significance** - The setting determined what the eating expressed.
7. **Corinth Had to Judge Better** - Idol meals could not be dismissed as ordinary.

1 Corinthians 10:19 – 7 Clarifications About Idols and Sacrifice

1. **Paul Anticipated Confusion** - He stopped a false conclusion before it grew.
2. **The Idol Was Not God** - The image had no true deity in it.
3. **The Meat Stayed Meat** - The sacrifice did not mystically transform the food.
4. **Superstition Was Rejected** - Paul denied pagan spiritual power to the object itself.
5. **Half-Truths Were Dangerous** - Idol nothingness could not excuse compromise.
6. **Material Focus Was Too Shallow** - The real issue was deeper than the object.
7. **Fellowship Was the Real Question** - The setting, not just the substance, had to be judged.

1 Corinthians 10:20 – 7 Warnings About the Table of Devils

1. **Paul Drew the Curtain Back** - He named the spiritual reality behind pagan worship.
2. **Gentile Sacrifices Were Not Neutral** - The acts were real worship, not empty culture.
3. **Devils Stood Behind It** - False religion had demonic fellowship attached.
4. **It Was Not to God** - Sincerity did not redirect false worship upward.
5. **The Idol Was False, Not Safe** - A fake god still masked real danger.
6. **Fellowship Was the Issue** - Participation joined the worshipper to the system.

7. **The Church Was Warned Away** - Paul refused to let saints commune with devils.

1 Corinthians 10:21 – 7 Warnings From the Two Tables

1. **Two Cups Were Named** - Paul set the Lord's cup against the cup of devils.
2. **Two Tables Were Exposed** - Fellowship was shown in table language.
3. **Mixture Was Impossible** - The two communions could not honestly be joined.
4. **Participation Meant Allegiance** - Shared acts declared spiritual loyalty.
5. **Neutrality Was Denied** - Idol-feast involvement was not harmless culture.
6. **The Lord's Table Was Exclusive** - Christ's table tolerated no rival fellowship.
7. **The Devil's Table Was Real** - False worship had an actual dark fellowship behind it.

1 Corinthians 10:22 – 7 Truths About Provoking the Lord

1. **The Lord Was Personally Involved** - Compromise was treated as an offense against Him.
2. **Jealousy Was Holy** - God's jealousy guarded what belonged to Him alone.
3. **Mixed Worship Provoked Him** - Divided loyalty stirred divine displeasure.
4. **Presumption Was Rebuked** - Paul shattered the swagger behind compromise.
5. **God Was Stronger** - No believer could challenge Him safely.
6. **History Proved the Warning** - The wilderness had already answered the question.
7. **Fear Was the Right Response** - Saints were to back away from provoking Him.

1 Corinthians 10:23 – 7 Lessons About Liberty and Edification

1. **Lawful Was Not Final** - Permission did not settle the matter.
2. **Expedience Was Required** - Wisdom had to judge what was truly helpful.
3. **Liberty Needed Government** - Freedom was not allowed to rule by itself.
4. **Self-Justification Was Exposed** - Technical defense could still mask folly.

5. **Edification Became the Test** - The key question was what built others up.
6. **Maturity Asked Better Questions** - “Can I?” had to bow to “Should I?”
7. **Love Limited Freedom** - The good of the body mattered more than bare rights.

1 Corinthians 10:24 – 7 Marks of Christlike Self-Denial

1. **Self Could Not Reign** - No man was to seek his own first.
2. **Every Believer Was Included** - This was the calling of the whole church.
3. **Another’s Good Mattered** - The focus shifted outward to others’ welfare.
4. **Liberty Bowed to Love** - Rights were governed by what helped another.
5. **The Body Had to Be Built** - Conduct was to strengthen, not merely satisfy.
6. **Selfishness Was Unmasked** - Much church trouble sprang from seeking one’s own.
7. **Christ Was the Pattern** - The verse breathed the spirit of His self-giving life.

1 Corinthians 10:25 – 7 Lessons From Meat in the Market

1. **The Market Was Ordinary** - Paul distinguished common commerce from idol worship.
2. **Food Could Be Received** - Meat in the shambles could be eaten freely.
3. **Questions Were Unnecessary** - Believers were not to create needless scruples.
4. **Conscience Needed Peace** - Paul guarded against self-made bondage.
5. **Superstition Was Rejected** - Ordinary food was not treated like a spiritual trap.
6. **Liberty Was Practical** - Grace reached all the way into daily buying and eating.
7. **Discernment Kept Balance** - The market was not the same as the idol temple.

1 Corinthians 10:26 – 7 Truths From the Lord’s Ownership

1. **The Earth Was God’s** - Creation still belonged to the Lord.
2. **The Fulness Was His Too** - All its provisions remained under His claim.

3. **Idols Owned Nothing** - Pagan misuse did not transfer true ownership.
4. **Creation Stayed Good** - The creature was not altered by false ritual use.
5. **Fear Was Silenced** - Believers need not live like paganism ruled the world.
6. **Liberty Rested on Doctrine** - Freedom was grounded in God's sovereignty.
7. **Daily Life Was Theological** - Even supper was governed by creation truth.

1 Corinthians 10:27 – 7 Lessons From an Unbeliever's Table

1. **Unbelievers Could Invite** - Ordinary contact with the lost was permitted.
2. **Attendance Was Optional** - Paul left room for wise personal judgment.
3. **The Meal Was Not Automatically Defiled** - A feast in a home was not the idol temple.
4. **What Was Set Before Them Was Allowed** - They could eat in peace if no issue arose.
5. **Questions Could Burden Needlessly** - Investigation was not required for faithfulness.
6. **Conscience Needed Calm** - Peace was to be preserved where God gave liberty.
7. **Discernment Ruled the Setting** - Social contact was not the same as false worship.

1 Corinthians 10:28 – 7 Truths About Love and Conscience

1. **The Situation Could Change** - Spoken information altered the moment.
2. **The Idol Issue Could Be Raised** - Meaning became explicit once named aloud.
3. **Abstinence Became Necessary** - Paul said plainly not to eat.
4. **Another Person Now Mattered** - The decision was made for his sake.
5. **Conscience Had To Be Protected** - Love refused to wound or confuse it.
6. **Liberty Yielded to Edification** - Rights stepped back when witness was at stake.

7. **Creation Truth Still Stood** - The meat stayed God's, even when love required restraint.

1 Corinthians 10:29 – 7 Lessons About Liberty and Another Man's Conscience

1. **Conscience Was Considered** - Paul showed that Christian liberty must not trample another man's conscience.
2. **Liberty Was Preserved** - Another man's weakness did not erase the believer's freedom before God.
3. **Charity Ruled Conduct** - Love could limit an action without surrendering the doctrine behind it.
4. **Weakness Was Not Mocked** - The strong believer had to handle the weaker conscience with care.
5. **Judgment Was Restricted** - No man's conscience had authority to become the believer's final law.
6. **Wisdom Governed Freedom** - Liberty had to be used with discernment, not fleshly pride.
7. **Doctrine Stayed Clear** - Paul refused to confuse voluntary restraint with legal bondage.

1 Corinthians 10:30 – 7 Truths About Grace and Thanksgiving

1. **Grace Governed Partaking** - Paul received lawful provision as a gift from God, not from idols.
2. **Thanksgiving Sanctified Use** - The believer gave thanks for what God allowed him to receive.
3. **Liberty Was Not Evil** - A lawful thing was not made sinful by another man's accusation.
4. **Slander Was Expected** - Even good conduct could be evil spoken of by the ignorant.
5. **Conscience Needed Balance** - Charity mattered, but false guilt did not need to be accepted.

6. **God Owned the Provision** - Food belonged to the Lord by creation, not to pagan superstition.
7. **Gratitude Exposed Legalism** - What could be received with thanks should not be condemned as wicked.

1 Corinthians 10:31 – 7 Rules for Doing All to the Glory of God

1. **God's Glory Was Supreme** - Every action had to be measured by whether it honored the Lord.
2. **Ordinary Life Was Claimed** - Eating and drinking were brought under spiritual judgment.
3. **No Area Was Neutral** - The believer had no private territory outside Christ's authority.
4. **Motive Was Tested** - The question was not only what was done, but why it was done.
5. **Liberty Needed Purpose** - Freedom was given to serve God, not to exalt self.
6. **Appetite Was Restrained** - Personal desire could not become the believer's master.
7. **All Conduct Was Worship** - Daily choices were to reflect God's ownership and glory.

1 Corinthians 10:32 – 7 Warnings About Giving Needless Offence

1. **Offence Was Forbidden** - Believers were not to create unnecessary stumblingblocks by foolish conduct.
2. **Truth Still Offended** - Paul did not remove the offence of the cross to please men.
3. **Jews Were Considered** - Jewish conscience and history required wise handling.
4. **Gentiles Were Watched** - Pagan observers needed a clean testimony, not confusing compromise.
5. **The Church Was Protected** - Liberty could not be used to wound the body of Christ.
6. **Right Division Was Shown** - Paul distinguished Jews, Gentiles, and the church of God.

7. **Testimony Was Guarded** - The believer's conduct had to keep the gospel from needless blame.

1 Corinthians 10:33 – 7 Marks of Soul-Winning Self-Denial

1. **Self Was Denied** - Paul refused to make his own profit the center of his conduct.
2. **Others Were Prioritized** - His choices were measured by the spiritual profit of many.
3. **Liberty Was Yielded** - He surrendered lawful rights when souls could be helped.
4. **Truth Was Not Compromised** - Pleasing men never meant changing the gospel.
5. **Wisdom Shaped Approach** - Paul adjusted in lawful matters to remove needless hindrances.
6. **Salvation Was the Goal** - His burden was not popularity, but that men might be saved.
7. **Service Governed Freedom** - Christian liberty became a tool for ministry, not self-indulgence.

1 Corinthians 11:1 - 7 Lessons From Following The Right Pattern

1. **Christ Was The Standard** - Paul was only worth following where he followed Christ.
2. **Example Mattered** - Doctrine had to be lived before it could be copied.
3. **Man-Worship Was Rejected** - Paul pointed beyond himself to the Lord.
4. **Authority Was Limited** - No servant had authority above Christ.
5. **Imitation Was Scriptural** - Believers were expected to follow godly examples.
6. **Self-Denial Was Modeled** - Paul's pattern came from seeking others' profit.
7. **Christlikeness Was The Goal** - The final aim was not Paul, but Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:2 - 7 Truths About Keeping What Was Delivered

1. **Praise Was Earned** - Paul commended obedience where the Corinthians kept truth.

2. **Brethren Were Corrected** - Saved people could still need sharp instruction.
3. **Memory Was Required** - Apostolic teaching had to be retained, not forgotten.
4. **Ordinances Were Kept** - The church was to preserve what Paul delivered.
5. **Tradition Was Defined** - Godly ordinances were apostolic, not man-made inventions.
6. **Delivery Was Exact** - Truth had to be kept as it was given.
7. **Order Was Protected** - The church could not invent its own worship system.

1 Corinthians 11:3 - 7 Foundations Of Divine Headship

1. **Knowledge Came First** - Paul wanted them to know God's order clearly.
2. **Christ Headed Man** - Every man stood under the authority of Christ.
3. **Man Headed Woman** - The woman's place was ordered by creation, not culture.
4. **God Headed Christ** - Submission did not mean inferiority in nature.
5. **Authority Had Order** - God's structure was not confusion or oppression.
6. **Men Were Accountable** - Male headship had to answer upward to Christ.
7. **Rebellion Was Exposed** - Rejecting headship meant rejecting God's order.

1 Corinthians 11:4 - 7 Warnings About Dishonoring The Head

1. **Men Were Addressed** - Paul began the covering issue with the man.
2. **Prayer Required Order** - A man approaching God had to honor Christ.
3. **Prophecy Required Reverence** - Speaking for God could not ignore God's structure.
4. **Covering Carried Meaning** - The outward sign mattered because God attached meaning.
5. **Christ Was Dishonored** - A covered praying man contradicted his headship.
6. **Worship Was Not Casual** - Spiritual activity had to follow divine order.
7. **Symbols Were Serious** - Outward conduct could reveal inward submission.

1 Corinthians 11:5 - 7 Warnings About Uncovered Dishonor

1. **Women Were Accountable** - Spiritual activity did not remove the woman from God's order.
2. **Prayer Needed Submission** - A praying woman still had to honor headship.
3. **Prophecy Needed Order** - Spiritual utterance could not excuse visible disorder.
4. **Covering Had Meaning** - The uncovered head communicated dishonor in worship.
5. **Headship Was Dishonored** - Refusing the covering rejected the order of verse 3.
6. **Shame Was Compared** - Paul said the uncovered woman was as one shaven.
7. **Distinction Was Preserved** - God's order guarded the difference between man and woman.

1 Corinthians 11:6 - 7 Truths About Covering And Shame

1. **Uncovered Meant Disorder** - Paul treated refusal of covering as a serious matter.
2. **Shorn Meant Shame** - The cropped head pictured visible disgrace.
3. **Shaven Went Further** - Paul pressed the rejection to its shameful end.
4. **Hair Was Connected** - The argument tied covering, hair, glory, and shame together.
5. **Consistency Was Demanded** - If shaving was shameful, covering was required.
6. **Rebellion Was Exposed** - Paul forced the Corinthians to face what uncovering implied.
7. **Honor Was Protected** - The command to be covered preserved feminine glory.

1 Corinthians 11:7 - 7 Foundations Of Glory And Order

1. **Man Stood Uncovered** - The man was not to cover his head in spiritual activity.
2. **Image Was Represented** - Man stood as the image of God in the order given.
3. **Glory Was Displayed** - The man's place reflected God's representative authority.
4. **Woman Was Glory** - The woman was called the glory of the man.

5. **Inferiority Was Not Taught** - Paul spoke of order, not lesser value.
6. **Creation Was Behind It** - The argument rested on God's original design.
7. **Headship Was Accountable** - The man's place remained under Christ's authority.

1 Corinthians 11:8 - 7 Lessons From Creation Order

1. **Man Came First** - Adam was formed before Eve in God's order.
2. **Woman Came From Man** - Eve was made from Adam, not Adam from Eve.
3. **Genesis Was Literal** - Paul treated the creation account as real history.
4. **Order Had Meaning** - The sequence of creation carried doctrinal weight.
5. **Culture Was Not Source** - Headship was rooted in Genesis, not Corinth.
6. **Distinction Was God-Made** - Male and female roles were established by creation.
7. **Rebellion Was Answered** - Paul used creation to silence attacks on headship.

1 Corinthians 11:9 - 7 Truths About Woman's Created Purpose

1. **Purpose Was Stated** - Paul said the woman was created for the man.
2. **Order Was Preserved** - The man's creation purpose was not derived from the woman.
3. **Genesis Was Applied** - Paul used Eden to explain New Testament headship.
4. **Inferiority Was Excluded** - Purpose did not mean lesser value before God.
5. **Help Was Honorable** - The woman was made as a help meet, not a slave.
6. **Rebellion Was Answered** - Modern role confusion is corrected by creation order.
7. **Design Was Divine** - Womanhood was defined by God, not culture.

1 Corinthians 11:10 - 7 Lessons About Power On Her Head

1. **Authority Was Displayed** - The woman's covering showed recognition of divine order.
2. **Creation Was The Cause** - Paul tied the command to Genesis, not fashion.

3. **Power Was Misread** - Submission was presented as order, not weakness.
4. **Angels Were Watching** - Worship order mattered before unseen heavenly witnesses.
5. **Rebellion Was Serious** - Leaving appointed order was no small matter before God.
6. **Covering Had Meaning** - The head covering testified to authority and headship.
7. **Worship Was Accountable** - The church gathered before God and the angelic realm.

1 Corinthians 11:11 - 7 Balances Against Fleshly Extremes

1. **Nevertheless Guarded Truth** - Paul protected headship from male pride.
2. **Man Needed Woman** - Headship did not make the man self-sufficient.
3. **Woman Needed Man** - Mutual need did not erase the woman's order.
4. **Pride Was Checked** - No man could despise the woman God made necessary.
5. **Rebellion Was Checked** - No woman could use balance to overthrow headship.
6. **The Lord Defined Order** - Man and woman were to function properly in Christ.
7. **Dependence Was Mutual** - Divine order included both authority and need.

1 Corinthians 11:12 - 7 Truths About Mutual Dependence

1. **Woman Came From Man** - Eve was made from Adam in the beginning.
2. **Man Comes By Woman** - Every man after Adam enters life through a mother.
3. **Pride Was Humbled** - Male headship could not become contempt for women.
4. **Order Still Stood** - Mutual dependence did not cancel creation headship.
5. **God Was Source** - All things came from God, not man or woman.
6. **Design Was Balanced** - Scripture held origin and generation together.
7. **Both Answered Upward** - Man and woman remained under God's authority.

1 Corinthians 11:13 - 7 Questions About Comely Worship

1. **Judgment Was Required** - Paul called believers to judge the matter by Scripture.
2. **Doctrine Came First** - The question rested on headship already taught.
3. **Comeliness Mattered** - Worship had to be fitting before God.
4. **Prayer Had Order** - A woman praying still had to honor divine structure.
5. **Uncovered Was Improper** - Paul expected them to see the disorder plainly.
6. **Sincerity Was Not Enough** - A sincere act still needed to follow God's order.
7. **Discernment Was Tested** - The Corinthians had to apply truth, not opinion.

1 Corinthians 11:14 - 7 Witnesses From Nature

1. **Nature Was Teacher** - Paul said creation itself testified to visible distinction.
2. **Man Was Addressed** - The warning focused on male appearance and shame.
3. **Long Hair Shamed** - What was glory to the woman was shame to the man.
4. **Distinction Was Preserved** - Male and female signs were not to be blurred.
5. **Culture Was Not Final** - Paul appealed to nature, not Corinthian fashion.
6. **Confusion Was Rebuked** - The verse opposed visible disorder between sexes.
7. **Masculinity Was Guarded** - A man was not to take the woman's glory.

1 Corinthians 11:15 - 7 Truths About A Woman's Glory

1. **Long Hair Glorified** - Paul called long hair a glory to the woman.
2. **Hair Was Given** - Her covering was described as a gift from God.
3. **Covering Was Identified** - Paul directly said her hair was given for a covering.
4. **Womanhood Was Honored** - Feminine distinction was treated as glory, not shame.
5. **Nature Confirmed Order** - The woman's hair testified to created distinction.
6. **Rebellion Was Corrected** - Casting off glory did not make a woman stronger.
7. **Contention Was Limited** - Verse 16 kept the issue from becoming endless strife.

1 Corinthians 11:16 - 7 Warnings Against Contentious Custom

1. **Contention Was Condemned** - Paul rejected the spirit that turns doctrine into strife.
2. **Doctrine Still Stood** - Verse 16 did not erase the headship argument.
3. **Custom Was Restrained** - Paul prevented the matter from becoming a divisive hobbyhorse.
4. **Churches Had Order** - The churches of God did not practice contentious wrangling.
5. **Questions Needed Humility** - Honest inquiry was different from stubborn disputing.
6. **Balance Was Required** - Headship mattered, but strife over custom was rejected.
7. **Peace Was Protected** - Paul closed the section by guarding the church from quarrels.

1 Corinthians 11:17 - 7 Warnings About Worse Gatherings

1. **Praise Was Withheld** - Paul refused to commend a gathering that harmed the church.
2. **Assembly Was Tested** - Coming together did not automatically mean spiritual profit.
3. **Worse Was Possible** - A church meeting could damage rather than edify.
4. **Order Was Needed** - Sacred gatherings required reverence, charity, and truth.
5. **Carnality Corrupted** - Fleshly conduct turned assembly life into spiritual loss.
6. **Correction Was Necessary** - Paul declared the problem plainly instead of flattering them.
7. **Edification Was Expected** - The church should gather for the better, not the worse.

1 Corinthians 11:18 - 7 Dangers Of Divided Assembly

1. **Division Was Reported** - Paul heard that factions were present when they gathered.
2. **Church Was Exposed** - The assembly revealed the real condition of the saints.

3. **Unity Was Broken** - Their gathering contradicted the one-body truth of Christ.
4. **Reports Were Weighed** - Paul partly believed the charge without swallowing every rumor.
5. **Carnality Was Familiar** - Corinth's past strife made the report believable.
6. **Fellowship Was Damaged** - Division corrupted the spirit of the gathering.
7. **The Table Was Threatened** - Their factions prepared the way for abusing the Lord's supper.

1 Corinthians 11:19 - 7 Truths About Heresies Manifesting Men

1. **Heresies Were Expected** - Paul said factions would arise among the saints.
2. **Flesh Was Revealed** - Division exposed what was already in men's hearts.
3. **Approved Were Manifested** - Trouble revealed who truly stood right.
4. **Testing Was Necessary** - Church conflict proved character under pressure.
5. **Parties Were Exposed** - Heresies showed who followed truth and who followed factions.
6. **God Overruled Evil** - The Lord used disorder to reveal faithful men.
7. **Approval Was Proven** - The approved were made visible through trial.

1 Corinthians 11:20 - 7 Rebukes Of A Corrupted Supper

1. **Gathering Was Outward** - They came into one place but lacked one spirit.
2. **Form Was Empty** - The name of the ordinance did not sanctify disorder.
3. **Paul Denied It** - He said their practice was not truly the Lord's supper.
4. **Division Polluted Worship** - Their factions contradicted the meaning of the table.
5. **The Supper Was Holy** - The ordinance belonged to the Lord, not their appetites.
6. **Unity Was Missing** - One place did not mean one body in practice.
7. **Reverence Was Required** - The Lord's supper had to be handled with sober honor.

1 Corinthians 11:21 - 7 Warnings About Selfish Supper

1. **Eating Was Corrupted** - Their meal exposed flesh instead of remembering Christ.
2. **Self Came First** - Each person took before others without charity.
3. **Lord Was Displaced** - "His own supper" replaced the Lord's supper in practice.
4. **Poor Were Neglected** - Some saints were left hungry in the assembly.
5. **Excess Was Exposed** - Others were drunken while brethren lacked.
6. **Unity Was Broken** - Their eating contradicted the one-body truth.
7. **Appetite Ruled Worship** - Carnal desire overtook sacred remembrance.

1 Corinthians 11:22 - 7 Rebukes Against Despising The Church

1. **Houses Were Available** - Ordinary hunger could be satisfied at home.
2. **Assembly Was Sacred** - The church gathering was not for private appetite.
3. **Church Was Despised** - Their conduct treated God's assembly with contempt.
4. **Poor Were Shamed** - Those who had not were humiliated before others.
5. **Praise Was Refused** - Paul would not commend sinful disorder.
6. **Class Pride Was Rebuked** - Wealth and lack had no place as table divisions.
7. **Correction Was Needed** - Sacred abuse required plain apostolic rebuke.

1 Corinthians 11:23 - 7 Truths About The Delivered Supper

1. **Truth Was Received** - Paul received the supper's order from the Lord.
2. **Doctrine Was Delivered** - What came from Christ was passed to the church.
3. **Lord Was Central** - The supper belonged to the Lord Jesus, not Corinth.
4. **Night Was Solemn** - It was instituted the night Christ was betrayed.
5. **Betrayal Was Near** - Treachery surrounded the moment of holy remembrance.
6. **Bread Was Taken** - Christ began with simple bread, not religious spectacle.

7. **Pattern Was Restored** - Paul corrected Corinth by returning to the original ordinance.

1 Corinthians 11:24 - 7 Lessons From The Broken Bread

1. **Thanks Came First** - Christ gave thanks even under the shadow of Calvary.
2. **Bread Was Broken** - The broken bread pictured His body given for sinners.
3. **Participation Was Personal** - "Take, eat" called each believer to remember.
4. **Body Was Represented** - The bread signified Christ's body, not a repeated sacrifice.
5. **Sacrifice Was Substitutionary** - His body was given "for you."
6. **Command Was Clear** - "This do" made the supper an act of obedience.
7. **Remembrance Was Central** - The table was given to remember Christ's finished work.

1 Corinthians 11:25 - 7 Truths About The Memorial Cup

1. **Cup Was Taken** - Christ gave the cup solemn meaning after the supper.
2. **Blood Was Central** - The new testament rests in Christ's shed blood.
3. **Testament Was Established** - The cup pointed to the covenant sealed by His blood.
4. **Command Was Repeated** - "This do ye" made the cup part of obedient remembrance.
5. **Frequency Was Allowed** - "As oft" showed repeated observance without empty routine.
6. **Remembrance Was Required** - The cup was to bring the heart back to Christ.
7. **Superstition Was Excluded** - The cup represented His blood, not a repeated sacrifice.

1 Corinthians 11:26 - 7 Lessons From Showing The Lord's Death

1. **Bread Was Eaten** - The element remained bread while pointing to Christ's body.

2. **Cup Was Drunk** - The cup memorialized His blood shed for sinners.
3. **Death Was Proclaimed** - The supper visibly preached the Lord's death.
4. **Gospel Was Centered** - The table kept Calvary before the church.
5. **Sacrifice Was Finished** - The supper showed His death, not a new offering.
6. **Hope Was Attached** - The church remembers Christ until He comes.
7. **Return Was Expected** - The table looks back to the cross and forward to His coming.

1 Corinthians 11:27 - 7 Warnings About Unworthy Partaking

1. **Wherefore Connected Doctrine** - Paul's warning flowed from the meaning of the supper.
2. **Whosoever Was Accountable** - No saint was exempt from reverent participation.
3. **Bread Remained Bread** - The element stayed bread while representing Christ's body.
4. **Cup Belonged To Christ** - The cup was the Lord's, not common drinking.
5. **Manner Was Judged** - "Unworthily" warned against careless, carnal participation.
6. **Guilt Was Serious** - Mishandling the memorial offended the body and blood.
7. **Reverence Was Demanded** - The table required sober remembrance of Christ's death.

1 Corinthians 11:28 - 7 Steps Before The Table

1. **Examination Came First** - Each believer had to search himself before partaking.
2. **Self Was Judged** - Paul commanded personal examination, not neighbor inspection.
3. **Fear Was Balanced** - Examination was meant to prepare, not permanently exclude.
4. **Eating Still Followed** - The examined believer was told to eat and drink.
5. **Bread Was Remembered** - The bread pointed to Christ's body given for sinners.

6. **Cup Was Honored** - The cup pointed to His blood and finished work.
7. **Remembrance Was Restored** - Self-examination cleared the way for reverent worship.

1 Corinthians 11:29 – 7 Warnings About Discernment At The Table

1. **Unworthy Manner Judged** – Paul warned against careless, carnal participation.
2. **Damnation Was Temporal** – The judgment here was chastening, not loss of salvation.
3. **Discernment Was Required** – The believer had to understand what the supper represented.
4. **Body Was Remembered** – The bread pointed to Christ's body given for sinners.
5. **Church Was Considered** – The saints also had to discern the body of believers.
6. **Carelessness Was Dangerous** – Mishandling the memorial brought serious judgment.
7. **Reverence Was Demanded** – The Lord's table had to be approached soberly.

1 Corinthians 11:30 – 7 Results Of Divine Chastening

1. **Cause Was Stated** – Their sickness came from abusing the Lord's supper.
2. **Weakness Was Sent** – God allowed physical weakness as correction.
3. **Sickness Was Present** – Some were sickly under the Lord's chastening hand.
4. **Many Had Slept** – Some believers had died under divine discipline.
5. **Judgment Was Physical** – The issue was temporal chastening, not hell.
6. **Holy Things Mattered** – God did not treat the table lightly.
7. **Warning Was Serious** – Saved people can still face severe correction.

1 Corinthians 11:31 – 7 Lessons About Judging Ourselves

1. **Self-Judgment Protects** – Judging ourselves prevents heavier divine judgment.

2. **Sin Must Be Faced** – Believers must agree with God against their own sin.
3. **Examination Was Personal** – Each man had to judge himself before God.
4. **Confession Was Needed** – Hidden sin had to be brought into the light.
5. **Pride Was Rebuked** – The Corinthians judged others but not themselves.
6. **Mercy Was Offered** – God gave them opportunity to correct themselves.
7. **Chastening Was Avoidable** – Honest self-judgment could spare the rod.

1 Corinthians 11:32 – 7 Truths About Chastening Not Condemnation

1. **Judgment Was Explained** – Paul identified God’s judgment as chastening.
2. **Lord Was Correcting** – The discipline came from the Lord Himself.
3. **Love Included Chastening** – God corrects His children because they are His.
4. **Condemnation Was Excluded** – Believers were not condemned with the world.
5. **Security Was Preserved** – Chastening did not cancel eternal salvation.
6. **World Was Condemned** – The lost world remained under final judgment.
7. **Sons Were Disciplined** – God judged His people as children, not strangers.

1 Corinthians 11:33 – 7 Commands For Considerate Communion

1. **Wherefore Applied Doctrine** – Paul turned deep supper doctrine into plain obedience.
2. **Brethren Were Corrected** – He rebuked them as saved people needing order.
3. **Gathering Needed Charity** – Coming together required concern for the whole body.
4. **Eating Needed Reverence** – The meal could not be ruled by appetite.
5. **Waiting Was Commanded** – “Tarry” corrected their selfish rushing ahead.
6. **Others Were Considered** – Each saint had to think beyond himself.
7. **Unity Was Practiced** – Waiting for one another showed one-body fellowship.

1 Corinthians 11:34 – 7 Corrections For Disorderly Eating

1. **Hunger Had A Place** – Ordinary appetite belonged at home, not at the Lord's table.
2. **Home Was Appointed** – Paul separated common meals from sacred remembrance.
3. **Condemnation Was Avoided** – Right order spared them from further chastening.
4. **Assembly Was Serious** – Coming together wrongly could bring judgment.
5. **Appetite Was Restrained** – The stomach must not govern the church gathering.
6. **Order Was Promised** – Paul would set the remaining matters in order.
7. **Authority Was Asserted** – Apostolic correction governed the church's practice.

1 Corinthians 12:1 - 7 Warnings Against Ignorant Spirituality

1. **Ignorance Was Dangerous** - Paul did not want believers confused about spiritual gifts.
2. **Gifts Needed Doctrine** - Spiritual activity had to be governed by apostolic truth.
3. **Brethren Needed Correction** - Saved people could still be ignorant and disorderly.
4. **Experience Was Not Enough** - Feelings and manifestations had to be judged by Scripture.
5. **Corinth Needed Order** - Their gifts required charity, discernment, and church order.
6. **Power Could Be Abused** - Gifts could become prideful when the flesh controlled them.
7. **Understanding Was Required** - The Holy Ghost does not glorify confusion.

1 Corinthians 12:2 - 7 Reminders From Their Pagan Past

1. **Gentiles Were Remembered** - Paul reminded them what they were before salvation.
2. **Idols Were Dumb** - Their former gods could not speak, save, or reveal truth.
3. **They Were Carried** - False religion moved them without giving them light.
4. **Leading Was Tested** - Being led did not prove the leading was from God.

5. **Experience Was Suspect** - Pagan religion also had emotional and spiritual influence.
6. **Discernment Was Needed** - Former idolaters had to test spiritual claims by truth.
7. **Truth Replaced Darkness** - The Holy Ghost leads believers by Scripture, not idolatry.

1 Corinthians 12:3 - 7 Tests Of Spiritual Speech

1. **Understanding Was Given** - Paul taught them how to judge spiritual utterance.
2. **Spirits Needed Testing** - Not every religious voice was from the Spirit of God.
3. **Christ Was Central** - True spiritual speech must honor the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. **Cursing Was Excluded** - The Holy Ghost never leads a man to curse Jesus.
5. **Confession Was Spiritual** - True confession of Jesus as Lord comes by the Holy Ghost.
6. **Doctrine Judged Speech** - The test was truth, not volume, emotion, or display.
7. **Jesus Is Lord** - The Spirit of God exalts Christ as the Lord.

1 Corinthians 12:4 - 7 Truths About Diverse Gifts

1. **Gifts Were Diverse** - God did not give every believer the same function.
2. **Spirit Was Same** - Different gifts came from one Holy Ghost.
3. **Variety Was Intended** - Diversity in the body was God's design, not confusion.
4. **Pride Was Rebuked** - A gift is given, not earned or self-made.
5. **Envy Was Foolish** - No believer should covet another member's gift.
6. **Body Was Served** - Gifts were given to profit the church, not exalt self.
7. **Unity Was Protected** - Different gifts should not create division.

1 Corinthians 12:5 – 7 Truths About Different Administrations

1. **Service Was Varied** – God does not administer every gift in the same way.

2. **Lord Was Same** – Different ministries still answer to one Lord Jesus Christ.
3. **Gifts Needed Government** – Spiritual ability must operate under Christ's authority.
4. **Comparison Was Rebuked** – One servant's assignment should not be measured against another's.
5. **Ministry Was Stewardship** – No believer owns his service apart from the Lord.
6. **Pride Was Exposed** – A gift under Christ cannot become a platform for flesh.
7. **Faithfulness Was Required** – The issue is not visibility, but obedience to the same Lord.

1 Corinthians 12:6 – 7 Lessons About God's Operations

1. **Operations Were Diverse** – God works in different ways through different members.
2. **God Was Same** – The variety of workings comes from one true God.
3. **Activity Was Not Enough** – Human motion is empty unless God is working.
4. **Increase Was God's** – Planting and watering matter, but God gives the increase.
5. **Hidden Work Mattered** – God may work through quiet service no crowd ever sees.
6. **Pride Was Foolish** – If God works through a man, God gets the glory.
7. **Dependence Was Necessary** – True ministry requires God working all in all.

1 Corinthians 12:7 – 7 Rules For Profitable Manifestation

1. **Manifestation Was Given** – The Spirit's working is received, not manufactured by flesh.
2. **Every Man Had Place** – Each believer has usefulness in the body.
3. **Profit Was Purpose** – Gifts were given to help the body, not exalt the individual.
4. **Showmanship Was Rebuked** – A display that does not edify misses the Spirit's purpose.
5. **Body Was Central** – Spiritual manifestations must serve the whole church.
6. **Confusion Was Rejected** – The Spirit does not manifest Himself through chaos.

7. **Stewardship Was Implied** – What God gives must be used for His profit.

1 Corinthians 12:8 – 7 Distinctions Between Wisdom And Knowledge

1. **Wisdom Was Given** – The word of wisdom comes by the Spirit, not human cleverness.
2. **Knowledge Was Given** – The word of knowledge also comes by the same Spirit.
3. **Truth Needed Application** – Wisdom knows how to use truth rightly.
4. **Facts Needed Charity** – Knowledge without love can puff up and wound.
5. **Members Differed** – God gave one manifestation to one and another to another.
6. **Same Spirit Supplied** – Different gifts came from the same Holy Ghost.
7. **Body Was Profited** – Wisdom and knowledge were given to edify, not compete.

1 Corinthians 12:9 - 7 Truths About Faith And Healing

1. **Faith Was Given** - This was a Spirit-given measure of faith, not mere optimism.
2. **Spirit Was Source** - True faith for service comes by the same Holy Ghost.
3. **Saving Faith Differed** - Every believer has saving faith, but this gift was distinct.
4. **Healing Was Plural** - Paul says “gifts of healing,” showing varied workings.
5. **Signs Were Connected** - Healings often confirmed God’s message and messenger.
6. **Claims Needed Testing** - Modern healing claims must be judged by Scripture.
7. **God Still Rules** - Healing remains under God’s will, not man’s command.

1 Corinthians 12:10 - 7 Tests For Spiritual Manifestations

1. **Miracles Were Worked** - True miracles were divine acts, not religious stagecraft.
2. **Prophecy Spoke Truth** - Prophecy communicated God’s word for edification.
3. **Spirits Were Discerned** - The church needed judgment against false spiritual claims.

4. **Tongues Were Languages** - Biblical tongues were real languages, not empty babble.
5. **Signs Had Purpose** - Tongues functioned as a sign, especially toward unbelieving Israel.
6. **Interpretation Was Required** - Tongues without interpretation did not edify the church.
7. **Order Governed Gifts** - No manifestation was free to produce confusion.

1 Corinthians 12:11 - 7 Truths About The Spirit's Will

1. **All Gifts Worked** - The listed gifts operated by one divine Spirit.
2. **Spirit Was Selfsame** - Different gifts did not come from different spiritual sources.
3. **Distribution Was Sovereign** - The Spirit divided gifts according to His own will.
4. **Every Man Received** - Each member had a Spirit-appointed place of usefulness.
5. **Severally Was Personal** - Gifts were distributed individually, not uniformly.
6. **Pride Was Silenced** - No man can boast in what he received.
7. **Envy Was Rebuked** - No believer should resent the Spirit's distribution.

1 Corinthians 12:12 - 7 Lessons From One Body

1. **Body Was One** - The church is one body, not competing spiritual factions.
2. **Members Were Many** - Unity does not require every member to be the same.
3. **Difference Was Designed** - God made different members for different functions.
4. **All Belonged Together** - Every true member has a place in the body.
5. **Division Was Unnatural** - Schism in the body contradicts God's design.
6. **Christ Was Central** - The body belongs to Christ and is united to Him.
7. **Gifts Served Unity** - Spiritual gifts must help the body, not divide it.

1 Corinthians 12:13 - 7 Truths About Spirit Baptism

1. **One Spirit Baptizes** - The Holy Ghost places believers into the body of Christ.
2. **All Believers Included** - Spirit baptism is not for an elite spiritual class.
3. **One Body Formed** - Jews and Gentiles are joined in one body in Christ.
4. **Distinctions Were Humbled** - National and social rank do not create higher members.
5. **Bond And Free United** - Earthly status does not determine spiritual standing.
6. **One Spirit Supplied** - All believers share the same spiritual life from the Spirit.
7. **Division Was Rebuked** - The Spirit does not form one body for men to divide it.

1 Corinthians 12:14 - 7 Lessons From Many Members

1. **Body Was One** - The church is one body under Christ the Head.
2. **Members Were Many** - God designed the body with varied functions.
3. **Sameness Was Rejected** - Unity does not mean every believer has the same gift.
4. **One-Man Religion Failed** - No single member is the whole body.
5. **Variety Was Needed** - The body requires many kinds of service to function.
6. **Pride Was Rebuked** - Visible members must not act like they are everything.
7. **Hidden Members Mattered** - Less visible service still belongs to the body.

1 Corinthians 12:15 - 7 Warnings Against Foot Envy

1. **Foot Felt Lesser** - The lower member wrongly judged itself by the hand.
2. **Comparison Was Foolish** - Not being another member does not remove one's place.
3. **Function Was Different** - The foot was made to walk, not handle.
4. **Self-Rejection Lied** - A member's feelings do not cancel God's placement.
5. **Hidden Service Counted** - Lower and covered members still help the whole body.
6. **Faithfulness Was Required** - The foot must serve as a foot, not imitate the hand.
7. **God's Design Stood** - Difference in function never means exclusion from the body.

1 Corinthians 12:16 - 7 Corrections For Ear Envy

1. **Ear Compared Wrongly** - The ear denied itself because it was not the eye.
2. **Hearing Was Needed** - The body needs receiving and listening members.
3. **Sight Was Not Everything** - The eye's visibility does not make the ear useless.
4. **Function Defined Service** - The ear's job was to hear, not see.
5. **False Humility Spoke** - Saying "I am not of the body" questioned God's design.
6. **Membership Remained True** - Wrong self-assessment did not remove the ear's place.
7. **Variety Protected Health** - The body would suffer if every member were the same.

1 Corinthians 12:17 - 7 Warnings Against One-Member Christianity

1. **All Eye Failed** - A body made only of sight would lose needed hearing.
2. **Hearing Was Needed** - The church needs members who receive warning and instruction.
3. **All Hearing Failed** - A body made only of ears would lose other necessary senses.
4. **Smelling Was Needed** - The body needs discernment that detects corruption and danger.
5. **Uniformity Was Rebuked** - God never designed every member to function alike.
6. **Variety Protected Health** - Different functions keep the body balanced and useful.
7. **One Gift Was Insufficient** - No single gift can replace the whole body.

1 Corinthians 12:18 - 7 Truths About God's Placement

1. **God Set Members** - Every member's placement comes from divine wisdom.
2. **Every One Counted** - No member is outside God's knowledge or design.
3. **Body Was Ordered** - God placed members in relation to one another.
4. **Pleasure Was His** - God's will, not man's preference, governs placement.

5. **Envy Was Rebuked** - Complaining about your place questions God's arrangement.
6. **Pride Was Silenced** - Visible members did not appoint themselves.
7. **Faithfulness Was Required** - Each member must serve where God placed him.

1 Corinthians 12:19 - 7 Reasons Sameness Destroys The Body

1. **One Member Failed** - A single function cannot make a complete body.
2. **Body Needed Variety** - Many functions are necessary for health.
3. **Envy Was Exposed** - If everyone became the envied member, the body would suffer.
4. **Uniformity Was Deformed** - Sameness creates weakness, not biblical unity.
5. **Gifts Must Differ** - God gives different gifts because the body has different needs.
6. **Celebrity Thinking Fell** - No visible member can become the whole body.
7. **God's Design Stood** - The body exists by many members working together.

1 Corinthians 12:20 - 7 Truths About Many Members One Body

1. **Members Were Many** - God designed the church with varied functions.
2. **Body Was One** - Diversity must not become division.
3. **Unity Was Balanced** - Biblical unity does not erase God-given differences.
4. **Difference Was Necessary** - The body needs more than one kind of service.
5. **Schism Was Rebuked** - Many members must not form rival bodies.
6. **Each Gift Served** - Every function should profit the whole body.
7. **Christ Was Head** - The many members belong under one Lord.

1 Corinthians 12:21 - 7 Rebukes Against Member Pride

1. **Eye Needed Hand** - Sight without service cannot perform the work.
2. **Hand Was Necessary** - Practical labor matters as much as visible perception.
3. **Head Needed Feet** - Direction is useless if nothing carries it forward.
4. **Feet Carried Weight** - Lowly service often moves the whole body.

5. **Pride Was Forbidden** - No member may say, "I have no need of thee."
6. **Dependence Was Built In** - God designed members to need one another.
7. **Celebrity Thinking Fell** - Visible members are not the whole body.

1 Corinthians 12:22 - 7 Truths About Feeble Members

1. **Feeble Seemed Weak** - Some members appear less impressive to the flesh.
2. **Weak Was Necessary** - God says the seemingly feeble members are needed.
3. **Appearance Mised Men** - What seems small may be vital to the body.
4. **Hidden Parts Mattered** - Unseen members may sustain the whole body.
5. **Strength Was Redefined** - God often works through weakness.
6. **Care Was Required** - The body must support and protect weaker members.
7. **Pride Was Corrected** - No strong member should despise the weak.

1 Corinthians 12:23 - 7 Lessons About Bestowed Honour

1. **Less Honourable Counted** - Members overlooked by men still belong to the body.
2. **Human Judgment Failed** - "Which we think" exposes fleshly value systems.
3. **Honour Was Bestowed** - The body gives dignity where men would withhold it.
4. **Uncomely Were Covered** - Vulnerable members should be protected, not shamed.
5. **Comeliness Was Supplied** - Charity gives beauty to what the flesh despises.
6. **Respect Was Deliberate** - Honour must be intentionally given to overlooked members.
7. **Worldly Ranking Fell** - The church must not value members like the world does.

1 Corinthians 12:24 - 7 Truths About God's Tempered Body

1. **Comely Needed Less** - Visible members already receive natural honour.
2. **God Tempered Together** - The body is wisely balanced by divine design.

3. **Lacking Received Honour** - God gives more abundant honour where honour is missing.
4. **Hidden Were Protected** - The body supplies care to vulnerable members.
5. **Pride Was Humbled** - Honoured members must not think they are superior.
6. **Weak Were Dignified** - God's arrangement protects those the flesh overlooks.
7. **Balance Was Divine** - The church must follow God's body design, not man's glamour.

1 Corinthians 12:25 - 7 Safeguards Against Schism

1. **Schism Was Forbidden** - God tempered the body so it would not tear itself apart.
2. **Body Unity Mattered** - Division in the body is not harmless disagreement, but spiritual injury.
3. **Members Needed Care** - Every member deserves concern because every member belongs.
4. **Same Care Required** - The visible, hidden, strong, and weak must not be treated by partiality.
5. **Pride Was Rebuked** - No member should exalt itself over another member.
6. **Class Division Fell** - Income, status, and appearance must not divide the saints.
7. **Charity Preserved Health** - Mutual care keeps differences from becoming schism.

1 Corinthians 12:26 - 7 Marks Of Shared Body Life

1. **One Member Suffered** - The pain of one member should affect the whole body.
2. **All Suffered With** - True body life refuses to let wounded members suffer alone.
3. **One Member Honoured** - A member's blessing should be seen as a body blessing.
4. **All Rejoiced With** - Charity rejoices when another member is honoured.
5. **Envy Was Exposed** - Resenting another member's honour reveals carnal thinking.
6. **Indifference Was Rebuked** - A cold church that ignores suffering is not healthy.

7. **Care Was Mutual** - The body should share both burdens and rejoicing.

1 Corinthians 12:27 - 7 Truths About Members In Particular

1. **Body Was Christ's** - Saved believers belong to the one body of Christ.
2. **Members Were Particular** - Each believer has an individual place and function.
3. **One Body Stood** - The body of Christ is one, not many rival bodies.
4. **Local Churches Differed** - Local assemblies are plural, but Christ's body is one.
5. **Sectarian Pride Fell** - No local group may claim to be the whole body alone.
6. **Individual Place Mattered** - Every saved member is known and placed by God.
7. **Responsibility Remained** - Belonging to the body means serving faithfully in your place.

1 Corinthians 12:28 - 7 Lessons From God's Gift Order

1. **God Set Gifts** - The offices and functions were arranged by God, not man.
2. **Apostles Were First** - Apostles held foundational authority in the church.
3. **Prophets Were Second** - Prophets served a revelatory role before Scripture was complete.
4. **Teachers Were Third** - Sound teaching outranks spectacular sign-chasing.
5. **Miracles Followed Doctrine** - Miracles were real, but not first in God's order.
6. **Helps Were Honoured** - Quiet practical service was placed by God in the church.
7. **Tongues Were Last** - Diversities of tongues were different languages and not the chief gift.

1 Corinthians 12:29 - 7 Questions That Destroy Gift Uniformity

1. **All Not Apostles** - God never made every member a foundational apostolic witness.
2. **All Not Prophets** - Prophetic function was not given universally to every believer.
3. **All Not Teachers** - Teaching is vital, but not every member holds that office.
4. **All Not Miracle Workers** - Miracles were real, but not possessed by all saints.

5. **Some Were Set** - God set some in the church, not all in the same role.
6. **Variety Was Proven** - Paul's questions prove the body needs different functions.
7. **Uniformity Was Rebuked** - No gift or office may be forced on every believer.

1 Corinthians 12:30 - 7 Answers Against Tongue-Centered Doctrine

1. **All Not Healers** - The gifts of healing were not given to every believer.
2. **Healing Was Limited** - God's healing power was never controlled by man.
3. **All Not Tongue Speakers** - Tongues cannot prove salvation or Spirit baptism.
4. **Tongues Were Languages** - Biblical tongues were real languages, not empty babble.
5. **All Not Interpreters** - Interpretation was also not given to every member.
6. **Order Was Required** - Tongues without interpretation had to be silent in the church.
7. **False Proof Fell** - No man may make tongues the universal proof of the Holy Ghost.

1 Corinthians 12:31 - 7 Truths About The More Excellent Way

1. **Best Gifts Desired** - Believers should desire gifts that edify the body.
2. **Not All Gifts Equal** - The best gifts are measured by profit, not spectacle.
3. **Tongues Were Not Best** - Tongues were last in order and not universal.
4. **Edification Was Key** - Gifts must build the church, not exalt the speaker.
5. **Gift Pride Was Checked** - Even strong gifts can become carnal without charity.
6. **Charity Was Higher** - Paul points beyond gifts to the more excellent way.
7. **Love Governed Service** - Charity keeps gifts useful, humble, orderly, and profitable.

1 Corinthians 13:1 - 7 Warnings About Loveless Speech

1. **Tongues Were Not Supreme** - Even impressive speech becomes empty without charity.

2. **Languages Were Limited** - Speaking many tongues does not prove spiritual maturity.
3. **Angel Speech Hypothetical** - Paul's highest speech example still bows beneath charity.
4. **Charity Was Required** - Gifts must be governed by love or they become noise.
5. **Sound Replaced Substance** - Loveless speech becomes brass and cymbal.
6. **Noise Was Exposed** - Loud religion is not the same as spiritual life.
7. **Edification Was Missing** - Words without charity fail to profit the body.

1 Corinthians 13:2 - 7 Truths About Gifts Without Charity

1. **Prophecy Was Not Enough** - Even a true spiritual gift is empty without charity.
2. **Mysteries Could Puff** - Deep doctrine can become pride if love is absent.
3. **Knowledge Was Limited** - Knowing truth does not make a man spiritual by itself.
4. **Faith Could Impress** - Mountain-moving faith still needs charity to be profitable.
5. **Power Was Not Maturity** - Great spiritual ability does not equal Christlike character.
6. **Charity Measured Worth** - Without charity, the gifted man is nothing.
7. **Pride Was Judged** - God rejects impressive gifts used without love.

1 Corinthians 13:3 - 7 Lessons About Sacrifice Without Charity

1. **Giving Was Not Enough** - A man can give everything and still lack charity.
2. **Poor Could Be Fed** - Helping the needy does not replace a right heart before God.
3. **Sacrifice Could Fail** - Even extreme self-denial can profit nothing without charity.
4. **Motives Were Tested** - God judges why a man gives, not just what he gives.
5. **Martyrdom Was Limited** - Suffering greatly does not automatically prove spirituality.
6. **Outward Works Fell** - Visible sacrifice without inward charity has no eternal profit.
7. **Charity Gave Profit** - Only love governed by truth makes service acceptable.

1 Corinthians 13:4 - 7 Marks Of Biblical Charity

1. **Charity Suffers Long** - True love is patient with weak and growing saints.
2. **Charity Is Kind** - Biblical love speaks and acts with gracious strength.
3. **Charity Envieth Not** - Love rejoices when another member is blessed.
4. **Charity Does Not Boast** - True service does not parade itself for attention.
5. **Charity Is Not Puffed** - Love refuses spiritual pride and self-importance.
6. **Gifts Need Charity** - Every gift becomes dangerous when pride governs it.
7. **Body Life Needs Love** - Charity keeps members patient, humble, and useful.

1 Corinthians 13:5 - 7 Marks Of Ordered Charity

1. **Behaves Not Unseemly** - Charity refuses rude, disorderly, shameful, or indecent conduct.
2. **Seeks Not Self** - Charity does not make ministry, gifts, or service about personal advantage.
3. **Rejects Selfish Motives** - True love serves the body instead of building its own throne.
4. **Not Easily Provoked** - Charity is not touchy, explosive, or ruled by personal offense.
5. **Wrath Is Checked** - Charity does not confuse fleshly anger with holy zeal.
6. **Thinks No Evil** - Charity does not assume the worst or keep a bitter ledger.
7. **Discerns Without Malice** - Charity judges truthfully without inventing evil.

1 Corinthians 13:6 - 7 Truths About Charity And Truth

1. **Rejects Iniquity** - Charity does not celebrate sin, rebellion, or false doctrine.
2. **Hates Evil Rightly** - Biblical love agrees with God's hatred of wickedness.
3. **Refuses False Tolerance** - Charity is not worldly softness that blesses sin.
4. **Rejoices In Truth** - Charity delights when Scripture is believed and obeyed.

5. **Truth Defines Love** - Biblical charity cannot be separated from God's words.
6. **Correction Can Love** - Charity warns and rebukes because truth matters.
7. **Christ Is Honored** - Charity rejoices when truth exalts the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 13:7 - 7 Strengths Of Enduring Charity

1. **Bearth All Things** - Charity carries burdens instead of dropping weak members quickly.
2. **Covers Rightly** - Charity protects what should be covered without excusing sin.
3. **Believeth All Things** - Charity believes the best where truth allows it.
4. **Rejects Suspicion** - Charity does not invent evil motives without proof.
5. **Hopeth All Things** - Charity hopes for repentance, growth, restoration, and fruit.
6. **Endureth All Things** - Charity keeps standing when service becomes heavy.
7. **Stays Under Pressure** - Charity does not quit when bearing others becomes costly.

1 Corinthians 13:8 - 7 Truths About Charity's Permanence

1. **Charity Never Fails** - Biblical love outlasts every temporary gift and display.
2. **Prophecies Shall Fail** - Revelatory gift-functions were not permanent like charity.
3. **Tongues Shall Cease** - Tongues were temporary sign gifts, not eternal proof of spirituality.
4. **Knowledge Shall Vanish** - Partial knowledge gives way to fuller understanding.
5. **Gifts Were Temporary** - The Corinthians chased things that would not last.
6. **Charity Was Superior** - The more excellent way remains when gifts pass away.
7. **Truth Still Stands** - Temporary gifts cease, but God's words never fail.

1 Corinthians 13:9 - 7 Truths About Partial Knowledge

1. **We Know In Part** - Present knowledge is true but not exhaustive.
2. **Prophecy Was Partial** - Early revelation gifts served a temporary stage.

3. **Pride Was Checked** - Even deep understanding should keep a man humble.
4. **Truth Was Real** - Partial revelation from God was true, though incomplete.
5. **Mystery Needed Completion** - The church awaited fuller revealed truth.
6. **Charity Remained Higher** - Partial gifts could not outrank enduring charity.
7. **Humility Was Required** - God's revealed truth must be held without arrogance.

1 Corinthians 13:10 - 7 Lessons About The Perfect Coming

1. **Perfect Meant Complete** - The perfect stands opposite to what was in part.
2. **Partial Was Temporary** - Temporary gifts served until God's complete provision came.
3. **Prophecy Was Done Away** - Partial revelatory functions were not permanent.
4. **Tongues Were Not Lasting** - Sign gifts were not the church's mature foundation.
5. **Scripture Furnished Maturity** - God's completed words thoroughly furnish the man of God.
6. **Childhood Was Passing** - The church was not meant to stay in partial signs.
7. **The Book Was Enough** - Completed revelation leaves no need for new revelations.

1 Corinthians 13:11 - 7 Marks Of Spiritual Maturity

1. **Childhood Had Speech** - Childish speech belonged to the partial stage.
2. **Childhood Had Understanding** - Early knowledge was real but incomplete.
3. **Childhood Had Thought** - Immature thinking chased display over edification.
4. **Manhood Brought Change** - Maturity required leaving partial things behind.
5. **Childish Things Ended** - Temporary gifts had their proper season.
6. **Maturity Chose Scripture** - The grown believer stands on the completed Book.
7. **Charity Marked Growth** - True maturity walks in truth, order, and love.

1 Corinthians 13:12 - 7 Truths About Seeing Darkly

1. **Now We See Darkly** - Present sight is real but still limited.
2. **The Glass Was Dim** - We know through revealed truth, not full final sight.
3. **Face To Face Coming** - Future glory will bring direct sight of the Lord.
4. **Now We Know Partly** - Present knowledge is certain where revealed but not complete.
5. **Then We Shall Know** - The believer's future includes fuller understanding.
6. **God Knows Fully** - The Lord already knows every motive, burden, and labor.
7. **Hope Looks Ahead** - The dark glass will give way to perfect clarity.

1 Corinthians 13:13 - 7 Abiding Truths Of Faith Hope And Charity

1. **Faith Abides Now** - Faith trusts God's words while sight is still future.
2. **Hope Abides Now** - Hope looks for the promised appearing and glory ahead.
3. **Charity Abides Now** - Charity governs the believer's walk in the body.
4. **These Three Remain** - Faith, hope, and charity outlast temporary gifts.
5. **Charity Is Greatest** - Love remains when faith becomes sight and hope possession.
6. **Gifts Were Lower** - Tongues, prophecy, and knowledge cannot outrank charity.
7. **The Way Was Excellent** - The mature Christian lives by faith, hope, and charity.

Chapter 14

1 Corinthians 14:1 - 7 Lessons About Charity First

1. **Follow Charity First** - Love must govern every gift, word, and ministry.
2. **Desire Spiritual Gifts** - Believers should desire usefulness, not self-display.
3. **Prophecy Was Preferred** - Understandable truth outranks impressive sound.
4. **Gifts Need Order** - Spiritual gifts must submit to charity and edification.

5. **The Body Matters** - The goal is profit for the church, not attention for the speaker.
6. **Tongues Were Lower** - Paul prefers prophecy because it builds the hearers.
7. **Truth Must Edify** - The best ministry gives understandable help from God's words.

1 Corinthians 14:2 - 7 Warnings About Unknown Tongues

1. **Unknown To Hearers** - The tongue was unknown because the congregation did not understand it.
2. **Not Unto Men** - Uninterpreted speech does not profitably communicate to the assembly.
3. **God Still Understands** - God knows every language, but the church still needs edification.
4. **No Man Understood** - Lack of understanding is treated as a problem, not a virtue.
5. **Mysteries Were Hidden** - Truth remains mysterious when the hearers cannot understand it.
6. **Interpretation Was Needed** - Unknown tongues required interpretation to edify the church.
7. **Confusion Was Rebuked** - Paul does not praise noise that leaves the body unbuilt.

1 Corinthians 14:3 - 7 Purposes Of Prophecy

1. **Speaks Unto Men** - Prophecy reaches the hearers with understandable truth.
2. **Edifies The Saints** - God's words build the church in doctrine and strength.
3. **Exhorts The Conscience** - Prophecy presses truth upon believers for obedience.
4. **Comforts The Weary** - Scripture strengthens wounded and burdened saints.
5. **Understanding Matters** - Clear truth is better than impressive unclear speech.
6. **The Church Profits** - Prophecy serves the body instead of displaying the speaker.
7. **Truth Builds Best** - Ministry should leave saints instructed, stirred, and comforted.

1 Corinthians 14:4 - 7 Tests Of Church Edification

1. **Tongues Edify Self** - An uninterpreted tongue benefits only the speaker.
2. **Prophecy Edifies Church** - Understandable truth builds the whole assembly.
3. **Self Is Not Goal** - Public ministry must not center on personal experience.
4. **Charity Seeks Others** - Love asks whether the body is being helped.
5. **Understanding Builds** - The church grows through words it can receive.
6. **Display Falls Short** - Spiritual activity without body profit is inferior.
7. **Edification Rules** - Every public gift must be judged by whether the church is built.

1 Corinthians 14:5 - 7 Truths About Prophecy Above Tongues

1. **Tongues Were Allowed** - Paul acknowledged tongues in their proper biblical place.
2. **Prophecy Was Preferred** - Understandable truth was better for the assembled church.
3. **Greater Means Useful** - The prophet was greater because he edified the body.
4. **Tongues Needed Interpretation** - A tongue only helped the church when interpreted.
5. **Church Edification Ruled** - The goal was not display, but building the saints.
6. **Tongues Were Limited** - Paul refused to make tongues the highest gift.
7. **Truth Built Better** - Clear doctrine profited the church more than unknown speech.

1 Corinthians 14:6 - 7 Tests Of Profitable Ministry

1. **Profit Was Required** - Public speech must help the hearers, not impress them.
2. **Tongues Alone Failed** - A tongue without meaning did not profit the church.
3. **Revelation Gave Light** - God's revealed truth had to be understood to help.
4. **Knowledge Needed Charity** - Knowledge must be communicated clearly and humbly.
5. **Prophesying Built Saints** - Speaking forth truth gave the church real profit.

6. **Doctrine Was Essential** - Sound teaching grounded the body in God's words.
7. **Understanding Was Necessary** - Ministry must communicate truth the church can receive.

1 Corinthians 14:7 - 7 Lessons From Distinct Sounds

1. **Sound Needs Meaning** - Noise without distinction cannot communicate truth.
2. **Instruments Teach Clarity** - Even pipe and harp must give recognizable sound.
3. **Tongues Needed Sense** - Unknown speech required interpretation to become useful.
4. **Distinction Was Necessary** - Clear differences help hearers understand the message.
5. **Doctrine Needs Clarity** - Bible teaching must give truth in distinct order.
6. **Confusion Builds Nothing** - Indistinct sound leaves the church unedified.
7. **Clear Words Matter** - God's people need understandable truth, not religious noise.

1 Corinthians 14:8 - 7 Warnings From The Uncertain Trumpet

1. **Trumpets Must Be Clear** - Soldiers cannot prepare from an uncertain sound.
2. **Unclear Speech Fails** - A vague message leaves the church unready.
3. **Battle Requires Certainty** - Spiritual warfare demands clear doctrine and warning.
4. **Preaching Must Warn** - The watchman must sound a plain alarm from Scripture.
5. **Doctrine Prepares Saints** - Clear teaching equips believers for spiritual battle.
6. **Confusion Endangers Soldiers** - Mixed signals weaken the body before the enemy.
7. **The Book Gives Certainty** - God's preserved words provide the clear trumpet.

1 Corinthians 14:9 - 7 Reasons Clear Words Matter

1. **Words Must Be Clear** - Speech in the church must be easy to understand.

2. **Tongues Need Meaning** – Unknown speech does not help unless the sense is known.
3. **Hearers Need Understanding** – The church cannot receive what it cannot understand.
4. **Sound Can Be Wasted** – Unclear words become speech into the air.
5. **Doctrine Needs Plainness** – Bible truth must be communicated clearly.
6. **Edification Requires Clarity** – Saints are built by understood truth, not fog.
7. **Charity Explains Truth** – Love cares whether the hearer truly understands.

1 Corinthians 14:10 – 7 Truths About Meaningful Voices

1. **Voices Have Meaning** – Real speech carries signification and purpose.
2. **Tongues Were Languages** – Biblical tongues were meaningful voices, not empty babble.
3. **Language Needs Understanding** – A voice profits only when its meaning is known.
4. **Meaning Must Be Shared** – Interpretation makes foreign speech useful to the church.
5. **God Uses Words** – The Lord communicates truth through meaningful words.
6. **Noise Is Not Doctrine** – Sound without signification cannot build the saints.
7. **Truth Must Signify** – Preaching must clearly communicate what God said.

1 Corinthians 14:11 – 7 Warnings About Unknown Meaning

1. **Meaning Must Be Known** – Unknown meaning blocks profitable communication.
2. **Voices Can Divide** – Uninterpreted speech makes speaker and hearer like strangers.
3. **Barriers Need Interpretation** – Interpretation turns foreign sound into edifying truth.
4. **Tongues Without Sense Fail** – A real language still fails if no one understands it.
5. **Jargon Can Confuse** – Religious language without explanation leaves hearers lost.

6. **Clarity Builds Fellowship** – Shared understanding helps the body receive truth together.
7. **Charity Makes Plain** – Love refuses to leave the church in confusion.

1 Corinthians 14:12 – 7 Lessons About Edifying Zeal

1. **Zeal Needs Direction** – Spiritual desire must be governed by truth and knowledge.
2. **Gifts Need Purpose** – Gifts were given to profit the body, not display the speaker.
3. **Seek To Excel** – Believers should abound in what builds the church.
4. **Edification Comes First** – The assembly must be strengthened through understood truth.
5. **Charity Guides Zeal** – Love redirects ambition from self to the body.
6. **The Church Must Profit** – Public ministry is judged by whether saints are helped.
7. **Truth Builds Best** – The strongest zeal is zeal that edifies through Scripture.

1 Corinthians 14:13 – 7 Rules For Interpreted Tongues

1. **Wherefore Connects Context** – Paul’s command follows his argument for understanding and edification.
2. **Tongues Needed Interpretation** – Unknown speech had to be made clear to profit the church.
3. **The Speaker Was Responsible** – The one speaking had to seek meaning, not mystery.
4. **Prayer Sought Clarity** – The request was for interpretation, not more confusion.
5. **Meaning Had Priority** – Public speech needed sense before it could edify.
6. **Mystery Was Not Enough** – The church was not built by hidden words.
7. **Order Governed Gifts** – Tongues had to submit to Paul’s rules.

1 Corinthians 14:14 – 7 Lessons About Unfruitful Understanding

1. **Spirit May Pray** – The inner man can be engaged in prayer.
2. **Understanding Can Fail** – Spiritual activity without understanding becomes unfruitful.
3. **Mindless Prayer Rebuked** – Paul does not praise prayer that bypasses understanding.
4. **Interpretation Was Needed** – Unknown tongues required meaning to become fruitful.
5. **Fruitfulness Matters** – Prayer should produce profit, clarity, and edification.
6. **Emotion Is Not Enough** – Feeling spiritual does not replace understood truth.
7. **Understanding Must Return** – Paul’s answer is spirit and understanding together.

1 Corinthians 14:15 – 7 Truths About Spirit And Understanding

1. **Paul Gives Balance** – Prayer and singing must include both spirit and understanding.
2. **Spirit Must Engage** – Worship should not be cold, dead, or mechanical.
3. **Understanding Must Remain** – True spirituality does not turn off the mind.
4. **Prayer Needs Meaning** – Public prayer should be clear enough to edify.
5. **Singing Needs Doctrine** – Songs should teach truth, not merely stir emotion.
6. **Worship Needs Truth** – Spirit and truth belong together in biblical worship.
7. **Edification Requires Both** – The church needs heartfelt worship with clear understanding.

1 Corinthians 14:16 – 7 Reasons Amen Requires Understanding

1. **Blessing Needs Clarity** – Public blessing must be understood by the hearers.
2. **The Unlearned Matter** – Charity considers the one who does not understand.
3. **Amen Means Agreement** – A true Amen requires knowing what was said.
4. **Thanksgiving Must Be Known** – Public thanks should be clear enough for others to join.

5. **Understanding Comes First** – No one can agree intelligently with unknown words.
6. **Worship Must Edify** – Public spiritual acts must build the church.
7. **Confusion Blocks Fellowship** – Unknown speech keeps the body from shared agreement.

1 Corinthians 14:17 – 7 Tests Of True Edification

1. **Thanks May Be Good** - A man can give thanks well and still fail to edify others.
2. **Sincerity Is Not Enough** - Good intentions do not replace understanding in the church.
3. **The Other Matters** - Public worship must consider the hearer, not just the speaker.
4. **Charity Looks Outward** - Love asks whether others are helped and built up.
5. **Meaning Must Be Shared** - Thanksgiving should be understood so others can agree.
6. **Experience Can Fall Short** - Personal blessing is not the same as body edification.
7. **Edification Rules All** - The church must be built, not merely exposed to sound.

1 Corinthians 14:18 – 7 Truths About Paul And Tongues

1. **Paul Thanked God** - He acknowledged the true gift without denying its biblical place.
2. **Tongues Were Real** - Biblical tongues existed in the apostolic period.
3. **Tongues Were Languages** - The gift involved meaningful speech, not empty babble.
4. **Paul Had Experience** - He spoke with tongues more than the Corinthians.
5. **Experience Stayed Subject** - Paul's gift did not override doctrine or order.
6. **Tongues Were Not Central** - Paul still valued understanding above public tongue-display.
7. **Correction Was Balanced** - He thanked God for the gift while regulating its use.

1 Corinthians 14:19 – 7 Reasons Five Words Win

1. **Church Needs Understanding** - Public speech must edify the gathered body.
2. **Five Words Can Teach** - A few clear words can build more than many unknown ones.
3. **Understanding Gives Profit** - The mind must receive truth for teaching to occur.
4. **The Voice Must Serve** - Paul used his voice to teach others, not display himself.
5. **Others Must Learn** - Charity values the hearer's instruction above the speaker's experience.
6. **Quantity Is Not Power** - Ten thousand words are useless if no one understands them.
7. **Truth Beats Mystery** - Known doctrine outweighs impressive unknown speech.

1 Corinthians 14:20 – 7 Marks Of Mature Understanding

1. **Brethren Still Need Growth** - Saved people can still be childish in judgment.
2. **Children Chase Display** - Immature believers value excitement over edification.
3. **Understanding Must Mature** - God wants believers to think like grown men doctrinally.
4. **Malice Must Stay Childlike** - Saints should not become skilled in bitterness or harm.
5. **Discernment Must Increase** - Mature believers judge everything by Scripture.
6. **Charity Guards Correction** - Truth should be firm without becoming malicious.
7. **Men In Understanding** - Spiritual maturity values clear doctrine, order, and edification.

1 Corinthians 14:21 – 7 Truths About Other Tongues

1. **Scripture Defines Tongues** - Paul explains tongues by the written word, not experience.
2. **Other Tongues Were Languages** - Biblical tongues were real languages with meaning.
3. **Other Lips Warned Israel** - Foreign speech was tied to God's warning against unbelief.

4. **Signs Had Purpose** - Tongues were not toys, but signs rooted in Scripture.
5. **Israel Would Not Hear** - Even signs did not cure a rebellious heart.
6. **Hearing Was The Issue** - God wanted obedience to His words, not fascination with signs.
7. **The Lord Had Spoken** - The doctrine of tongues rests on what God said.

1 Corinthians 14:22 – 7 Doctrinal Purposes Of Tongues

1. **Tongues Were Signs** - Paul plainly says tongues were for a sign.
2. **Not For Believers** - Tongues were not the universal badge of Christian spirituality.
3. **For Unbelievers** - The sign function was aimed at unbelief, especially in Israel's context.
4. **Prophecy Served Believers** - Understandable truth built the church.
5. **Signs Were Limited** - Tongues had a purpose, not a permanent central role.
6. **Edification Was Greater** - Believers needed clear doctrine more than sign-display.
7. **Paul Ranked Gifts** - Tongues and prophecy served different purposes in God's order.

1 Corinthians 14:23 – 7 Warnings Against Church Confusion

1. **The Church Gathered** - Paul addresses public order when the whole assembly meets.
2. **All Tongues Confuse** - Everyone speaking tongues at once violates Bible order.
3. **The Unlearned Matter** - Worship must consider those who do not understand.
4. **Unbelievers Need Truth** - Lost people need clear gospel preaching, not chaos.
5. **Madness Is Possible** - Disorderly speech can make the church look insane.
6. **Confusion Hurts Testimony** - Public disorder damages the witness of the assembly.
7. **Order Must Govern** - Tongues had to submit to interpretation and edification.

1 Corinthians 14:24 – 7 Effects Of Clear Prophecy

1. **Prophecy Brings Clarity** - Understandable truth reaches the hearer.
2. **Unbelievers Are Convinced** - Clear Bible truth can convict the lost.
3. **The Unlearned Are Helped** - Plain teaching gives light to the uninstructed.
4. **Truth Judges Hearts** - God's words expose sin, motives, and unbelief.
5. **Conviction Beats Confusion** - Prophecy profits where chaotic tongues fail.
6. **The Assembly Bears Witness** - Ordered truth makes God's message clear.
7. **The Word Does The Work** - Scripture preached plainly convinces and judges.

1 Corinthians 14:25 – 7 Truths About God Revealing The Heart

1. **Secrets Are Exposed** - Clear truth makes the hidden things of the heart manifest.
2. **The Word Searches Deep** - God's words reach where religious noise cannot touch.
3. **Conviction Brings Humility** - The exposed man is brought low before God.
4. **Worship Follows Truth** - True worship comes after the heart is dealt with by God.
5. **God Gets The Glory** - Prophecy points the hearer to God, not the speaker.
6. **The Assembly Bears Witness** - Ordered truth shows that God is truly among His people.
7. **Truth Beats Spectacle** - Clear doctrine produces more fruit than chaotic display.

1 Corinthians 14:26 – 7 Rules For Edifying The Church

1. **The Church Comes Together** - Public worship must be governed by God's order.
2. **Every Gift Must Submit** - Psalms, doctrine, tongues, revelation, and interpretation need rules.
3. **Activity Is Not Enough** - A busy service can still fail if it does not edify.
4. **Doctrine Must Build** - Teaching should strengthen the saints, not exalt the speaker.
5. **Tongues Need Order** - No gift has liberty to create confusion in the assembly.

6. **Understanding Matters** - The church is helped by truth it can grasp and apply.
7. **Edification Is The Test** - All things must build up the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 14:27 – 7 Limits Placed On Tongues

1. **Tongues Were Conditional** - Paul says “if any man,” not every man must speak.
2. **Tongues Were Limited** - Only two, or at the most three, could speak publicly.
3. **Three Was The Maximum** - God set a boundary that men have no right to stretch.
4. **Order Was Required** - “By course” means one at a time, not all at once.
5. **Interpretation Was Mandatory** - Public tongues had to be made understandable.
6. **Confusion Was Forbidden** - The gift could not be used to turn worship into chaos.
7. **Scripture Ruled The Gift** - Tongues had to obey the written command of God.

1 Corinthians 14:28 – 7 Commands When There Is No Interpreter

1. **No Interpreter Means Silence** - Uninterpreted tongues are forbidden in the church.
2. **The Church Must Understand** - Public speech must edify the hearers.
3. **Private Does Not Mean Public** - Personal speech to God must not disrupt the assembly.
4. **Self-Control Is Required** - A spiritual man can obey God and keep silent.
5. **Experience Is Not Authority** - Feeling led does not overrule Scripture.
6. **Order Protects The Body** - Silence is commanded when speech cannot edify.
7. **Obedience Beats Display** - God is honored more by submission than religious noise.

1 Corinthians 14:29 – 7 Rules For Judging Prophets

1. **Prophets Were Limited** - Paul allowed two or three, not an uncontrolled parade of speakers.
2. **Speech Needed Order** - Even prophecy had to submit to God’s assembly rules.

3. **Messages Required Judgment** - Spiritual claims were not accepted without examination.
4. **No Prophet Was Untouchable** - Public speech had to be weighed by others.
5. **Discernment Protected The Church** - Judgment guarded the saints from error and confusion.
6. **Scripture Ruled The Speaker** - No man's words outranked God's words.
7. **Edification Stayed Central** - Prophecy had to build the church, not exalt the prophet.

1 Corinthians 14:30 – 7 Lessons On Yielding In Ministry

1. **Revelation Had Order** - Even apostolic revelation had to follow God's rules.
2. **Another Could Speak** - The assembly did not revolve around one man's voice.
3. **The Seated Man Waited** - Spiritual men could sit quietly until the proper time.
4. **The First Must Yield** - The first speaker had to stop when order required it.
5. **Silence Could Be Spiritual** - Holding peace was obedience, not weakness.
6. **Pride Had To Bow** - No man could grip the platform as his own possession.
7. **Edification Came First** - The church's profit mattered more than one man's moment.

1 Corinthians 14:31 – 7 Benefits Of Ordered Prophecy

1. **All Could Prophecy** - Public ministry had room for others under God's order.
2. **One By One** - Spiritual speech was to be sequential, not chaotic.
3. **Order Prevented Confusion** - The church could listen when voices did not compete.
4. **All Could Learn** - Understandable truth instructed the whole assembly.
5. **All Could Be Comforted** - Clear prophecy strengthened and encouraged the saints.
6. **Truth Served The Body** - Ministry existed for the profit of all, not the speaker.

7. **Understanding Was Essential** - Learning and comfort required words that could be grasped.

1 Corinthians 14:32 – 7 Truths About Spiritual Self-Control

1. **Prophets Had Control** - Their spirits were subject to them, not uncontrollable.
2. **God Did Not Force Disorder** - The Holy Ghost never made men violate Scripture.
3. **Speakers Could Stop** - A spiritual man could hold his peace when commanded.
4. **Temperance Marked Ministry** - Self-control was part of true spiritual service.
5. **Impulse Was Not Authority** - Feeling moved did not overrule God's order.
6. **Accountability Remained** - Prophets were responsible for how they spoke.
7. **Order Proved Soundness** - True spiritual operation produced obedience, not chaos.

1 Corinthians 14:33 – 7 Truths About God's Order

1. **God Rejects Confusion** - Disorder in worship does not come from God.
2. **Peace Marks God's Work** - God's order produces settled truth, not chaos.
3. **Confusion Has Another Source** - A disorderly assembly cannot blame the Holy Ghost.
4. **Order Reflects God's Nature** - Church worship should match the God of peace.
5. **All Churches Are Accountable** - Corinth had no private permission to be disorderly.
6. **Saints Need Peace** - The churches of the saints must reject confusion.
7. **Scripture Defines Worship** - God's word, not emotion, governs the assembly.

1 Corinthians 14:34 – 7 Commands For Church Order

1. **Women Keep Silence** - Paul gives a direct command for public assembly order.
2. **The Churches Are Governed** - This rule applies in the churches, not merely Corinth.
3. **Permission Matters** - Ability to speak does not equal biblical permission.

4. **Obedience Is Required** - God's order places women under commanded subjection.
5. **The Law Agrees** - Paul roots the command in Scripture, not culture.
6. **Value Is Not Denied** - Biblical role distinctions do not mean inferiority.
7. **Order Protects Worship** - The assembly must follow God's structure, not confusion.

1 Corinthians 14:35 – 7 Lessons About Learning In Order

1. **Women May Learn** - Paul does not forbid women from understanding doctrine.
2. **Questions Have Order** - Learning must not disrupt the public assembly.
3. **Home Has Responsibility** - Husbands should be able to answer Bible questions.
4. **Men Must Lead** - Male headship requires study, sacrifice, and spiritual care.
5. **Speech Has Boundaries** - The church assembly is not open to every public voice.
6. **Shame Is Defined By God** - Scripture, not culture, determines what is shameful.
7. **Order Honors Truth** - Proper learning strengthens the home and protects the church.

1 Corinthians 14:36 – 7 Rebukes Against Church Pride

1. **Corinth Was Not Source** - The word of God did not originate with them.
2. **The Church Receives Truth** - Assemblies submit to Scripture; they do not create it.
3. **No Church Is Exempt** - God's word did not come to one church only.
4. **Experience Is Not Authority** - Spiritual activity never outranks God's command.
5. **Private Rules Are Rebuked** - Local customs cannot overturn apostolic doctrine.
6. **Pride Must Bow** - A gifted church can still need correction.
7. **The Book Has Final Say** - Scripture governs every church, preacher, and believer.

1 Corinthians 14:37 - 7 Tests Of True Spirituality

1. **Prophets Must Submit** - A real spiritual claim must bow to written Scripture.
2. **Spiritual Men Acknowledge** - True spirituality recognizes Paul's words as the Lord's command.
3. **Writing Has Authority** - God's written word judges every spoken claim.
4. **Claims Are Not Enough** - A man thinking himself spiritual does not make him spiritual.
5. **Commandments Must Rule** - Church order is not opinion, but the Lord's command.
6. **Experience Must Bow** - No gift, feeling, or revelation outranks Scripture.
7. **The Book Tests All** - Every prophet and spiritual man is measured by what is written.

1 Corinthians 14:38 - 7 Warnings About Willful Ignorance

1. **Ignorance Can Be Chosen** - Some men refuse truth after it is plainly shown.
2. **Rebels Stay Blind** - A man rejecting God's command may be left in his ignorance.
3. **Truth Is Not Weakened** - Scripture remains clear even when men refuse it.
4. **Debate Has Limits** - The church need not chase stubborn objectors forever.
5. **Refusal Exposes Pride** - Rejecting Paul's command reveals a rebellious heart.
6. **The Commandment Stands** - God's word is not revised for the ignorant.
7. **Let Him Be** - Paul permits leaving a willful rejecter where he chooses to stand.

1 Corinthians 14:39 - 7 Balanced Truths About Prophecy And Tongues

1. **Prophecy Is Desired** - Paul tells the church to covet clear edifying truth.
2. **Tongues Were Regulated** - Tongues were not forbidden, but strictly governed.
3. **Context Controls Meaning** - This verse does not cancel Paul's earlier restrictions.
4. **Edification Comes First** - Prophecy is preferred because it builds the church.
5. **Abuse Is Not Liberty** - Tongues cannot be used to defend disorder or confusion.
6. **Legitimate Gifts Had Rules** - Even real gifts had to obey God's order.

7. **Balance Is Biblical** - Paul neither exalts tongues nor denies their apostolic place.

1 Corinthians 14:40 - 7 Rules For Decent Church Order

1. **All Things Matter** - Every part of worship must submit to God's order.
2. **Decency Is Required** - Public ministry should not be shameful, chaotic, or fleshly.
3. **Order Governs Worship** - The assembly must follow God's arrangement.
4. **Confusion Is Rejected** - Nothing disorderly reflects the God of peace.
5. **Edification Is Protected** - Order keeps ministry profitable to the whole church.
6. **No Gift Is Exempt** - Tongues, prophecy, teaching, and speech all need order.
7. **The Chapter Closes Clear** - Paul's final command is decency and order.

Chapter 15

1 Corinthians 15:1 – 7 Foundations Of The Gospel

1. **Paul Declares** – The gospel must be plainly preached and defined.
2. **Brethren Reminded** – Saved people still need gospel truth kept before them.
3. **Gospel Preached** – Paul gave them a clear message, not religious fog.
4. **Truth Received** – The Corinthians had personally received the gospel by faith.
5. **Standing Secured** – Their standing was in the gospel, not their performance.
6. **Doctrine Matters** – The church must never drift from gospel foundations.
7. **Christ Is Central** – The gospel begins and ends with the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:2 – 7 Warnings About Vain Belief

1. **Gospel Saves** – Salvation comes by the gospel Paul preached.

2. **Memory Matters** – The church must hold fast the message as preached.
3. **Content Counts** – Faith is vain if the gospel itself is corrupted.
4. **Resurrection Required** – Denying the resurrection empties the message.
5. **Preaching Defines** – Paul’s preached gospel is the standard.
6. **False Faith Fails** – Sincere belief in a false message cannot save.
7. **Truth Must Stand** – The saving gospel must be kept clear and unchanged.

1 Corinthians 15:3 – 7 Truths About Christ’s Death

1. **Paul Delivered** – The gospel was entrusted to Paul and faithfully passed on.
2. **First Importance** – Christ’s death for sins stands first in gospel truth.
3. **Paul Received** – The message came by revelation, not man’s invention.
4. **Christ Died** – The gospel rests on the real death of the Saviour.
5. **For Our Sins** – His death was substitutionary and personal.
6. **Scripture Fulfilled** – The cross happened according to the written word.
7. **Sin Was Judged** – Our guilt required the blood sacrifice of Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:4 – 7 Truths About The Resurrection

1. **Christ Was Buried** – His burial proves His death was real.
2. **The Tomb Witnessed** – The occupied grave prepared the proof of resurrection.
3. **He Rose Again** – Death could not hold the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. **Third Day Fulfilled** – His resurrection happened on God’s appointed schedule.
5. **Scripture Confirmed** – The resurrection was according to the Scriptures.
6. **Justification Secured** – The risen Christ proves the sacrifice was accepted.
7. **Hope Is Living** – The believer stands on an empty tomb and risen Saviour.

1 Corinthians 15:5 - 7 Proofs Of The Risen Christ

1. **Christ Was Seen** - The resurrection was witnessed, not imagined.
2. **Cephas Saw Him** - Peter became a restored witness of the risen Lord.
3. **Failure Was Met** - The Lord appeared to a man who had denied Him.
4. **The Twelve Witnessed** - The apostolic company saw Christ alive.
5. **Sight Confirmed Truth** - Their message rested on eyewitness testimony.
6. **The Body Was Risen** - The same Jesus crucified was seen alive.
7. **Witnesses Preached Boldly** - The apostles preached what they had seen.

1 Corinthians 15:6 - 7 Witnesses Against Resurrection Denial

1. **Five Hundred Saw** - A large company witnessed the risen Christ.
2. **Seen At Once** - This was a shared public appearance, not private imagination.
3. **Brethren Testified** - Believers beyond the apostles saw Him alive.
4. **Living Witnesses Remained** - Many could still confirm the testimony.
5. **The Record Was Checkable** - Paul appealed to eyewitnesses still alive.
6. **Some Slept** - Some witnesses had died in resurrection hope.
7. **Death Was Temporary** - “Fallen asleep” points to future bodily rising.

1 Corinthians 15:7 - 7 Truths From James And The Apostles

1. **James Saw Him** - The risen Christ appeared to the Lord’s brother.
2. **Unbelief Was Broken** - James moved from doubt to faithful service.
3. **Family Needed Faith** - Nearness to Christ’s earthly home did not save.
4. **Resurrection Changed James** - Seeing Christ alive transformed his witness.
5. **Apostles Saw Him** - The official messengers witnessed the risen Lord.
6. **Witness Grounded Preaching** - Apostolic doctrine rested on resurrection fact.
7. **Christ Confirmed His Messengers** - The risen Lord equipped His apostles to testify.

1 Corinthians 15:8 - 7 Truths About Paul's Unusual Calling

1. **Paul Saw Him** - The risen Christ appeared to Paul also.
2. **Last In Sequence** - Paul's witness came after the earlier appearances.
3. **Grace Interrupted Saul** - Christ stopped a persecutor on the Damascus road.
4. **Born Out Of Time** - Paul's calling came unusually and suddenly.
5. **Enemy Became Apostle** - Grace turned a persecutor into a preacher.
6. **Christ Chose Paul** - His apostleship came from the risen Lord.
7. **Resurrection Power Saves** - The living Christ can transform the worst enemy.

1 Corinthians 15:9 – 7 Lessons From Paul's Humility

1. **Paul Remembered Grace** - He never forgot what mercy saved him from.
2. **Least Yet Called** - His low view of self did not cancel God's calling.
3. **Past Sin Humbled** - Persecuting the church kept Paul from ministerial pride.
4. **Apostleship Was Mercy** - Paul knew he did not deserve the office he received.
5. **The Church Was God's** - To persecute the saints was to attack what belonged to God.
6. **Memory Served Humility** - Paul's past did not paralyze him, but it kept him low.
7. **Grace Changed Enemies** - God turned a persecutor into an apostle.

1 Corinthians 15:10 – 7 Truths About Grace And Labor

1. **Grace Made Paul** - Paul's identity and ministry came from God's grace.
2. **Grace Was Bestowed** - His calling was received, not earned.
3. **Grace Was Not Empty** - God's mercy produced real fruit in Paul's life.
4. **Grace Produced Labor** - True grace made Paul work, not sit idle.
5. **Labor Was Abundant** - Paul poured himself into the ministry of Christ.
6. **Self Took No Credit** - "Yet not I" killed every boast of the flesh.

7. **Grace Worked With Him** - God's grace empowered the labor God required.

1 Corinthians 15:11 – 7 Truths About Apostolic Preaching

1. **The Message Agreed** - Paul and the apostles preached the risen Christ.
2. **Preachers Were Vessels** - The gospel was greater than the messenger.
3. **Christ Was Central** - Apostolic preaching focused on Christ's death and resurrection.
4. **Resurrection Was Preached** - The risen Lord was not optional doctrine.
5. **Faith Followed Hearing** - The Corinthians believed the gospel that was preached.
6. **Unity Protected Truth** - True apostolic witness did not contradict the resurrection.
7. **Belief Had Content** - Their faith rested on a definite gospel message.

1 Corinthians 15:12 – 7 Warnings Against Resurrection Denial

1. **Christ Was Preached** - Apostolic preaching declared that Christ rose from the dead.
2. **Resurrection Was Central** - The gospel cannot stand without the risen Christ.
3. **Error Entered Corinth** - False doctrine had begun among the saints.
4. **Some Denied Truth** - A few voices can endanger the whole church.
5. **Denial Has Consequences** - Rejecting resurrection attacks the gospel foundation.
6. **Dead Men Rise** - Scripture teaches bodily resurrection, not religious imagination.
7. **Doctrine Must Be Faced** - Paul forces error to follow its own deadly logic.

1 Corinthians 15:13 – 7 Consequences Of Denying Resurrection

1. **Resurrection Is Foundational** – Denying resurrection attacks the structure of Christian doctrine.
2. **Christ Is Connected** – The resurrection of the dead is tied directly to Christ's resurrection.

3. **Error Has Results** – False doctrine always carries consequences beyond its first claim.
4. **The Tomb Is Threatened** – Denying resurrection tries to put Christ back in the grave.
5. **Doctrine Must Reason** – Paul forces error to follow its own logic.
6. **No Middle Ground** – A man cannot deny resurrection and keep a risen Christ.
7. **Hope Depends On Christ** – The believer's future resurrection rests on His resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15:14 – 7 Warnings About Vain Faith

1. **Preaching Needs Resurrection** – Gospel preaching collapses if Christ is not risen.
2. **Faith Needs Truth** – Faith is empty if its object is a dead Christ.
3. **The Gospel Stands Or Falls** – Remove resurrection and the message is vain.
4. **Sincerity Cannot Save** – Strong belief in a false message remains worthless.
5. **A Dead Christ Saves None** – Salvation requires the living risen Saviour.
6. **Apostolic Preaching Had Power** – The apostles preached Christ raised from the dead.
7. **Resurrection Gives Substance** – Because Christ lives, faith is not vain.

1 Corinthians 15:15 – 7 Charges If Christ Is Not Raised

1. **Witnesses Become False** – Without resurrection, the apostles lied about God.
2. **God's Testimony Is Attacked** – Denying resurrection accuses the apostolic witness.
3. **Preaching Becomes Perjury** – The resurrection message would become false testimony.
4. **The Apostles Testified Clearly** – They preached that God raised up Christ.
5. **False Doctrine Accuses Truth** – Resurrection denial turns true witnesses into liars.
6. **The Dead Matter** – If the dead rise not, Christ's resurrection is denied.

7. **The Witness Still Stands** – Because Christ is risen, the apostles testified truly.

1 Corinthians 15:16 – 7 Truths About Resurrection Logic

1. **Paul Repeats The Point** – The issue is important enough to be stated again.
2. **Dead Men Must Rise** – Bodily resurrection is essential Bible doctrine.
3. **Christ Cannot Be Separated** – His resurrection stands with resurrection truth.
4. **Error Attacks The Saviour** – Denying resurrection reaches all the way to Christ.
5. **Doctrine Is Connected** – One false premise can damage the whole gospel.
6. **The Grave Loses** – Christ’s resurrection guarantees death will not keep the saints.
7. **Hope Is Bodily** – The believer’s future includes a raised and glorified body.

1 Corinthians 15:17 - 7 Dangers Of A Dead Christ

1. **Faith Becomes Empty** - Without the risen Christ, belief has no saving foundation.
2. **Sin Remains Charged** - If Christ is not raised, sinners are still in their sins.
3. **Justification Collapses** - The resurrection proves the sacrifice was accepted.
4. **Religion Cannot Save** - Rituals and works cannot remove sin without the living Saviour.
5. **The Gospel Is Gutted** - A resurrectionless message leaves the sinner condemned.
6. **Assurance Is Lost** - No risen Christ means no proof of finished redemption.
7. **Christ Must Live** - Salvation rests on the crucified and risen Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:18 - 7 Truths About Sleeping Saints

1. **Dead Saints Matter** - Resurrection denial reaches into the graves of believers.
2. **Sleep Means Hope** - “Fallen asleep” points to the body awaiting resurrection.
3. **In Christ Secure** - Saved believers remain in Christ even when the body dies.
4. **Perished If Unraised** - Without Christ’s resurrection, dead believers would be lost.

5. **The Grave Is Temporary** - Because Christ rose, the dead in Christ will rise.
6. **Hope Beats Sorrow** - Resurrection truth comforts believers at the graveside.
7. **Christ Guarantees Waking** - The risen Lord ensures the sleeping saints will rise.

1 Corinthians 15:19 - 7 Warnings Against Earthbound Hope

1. **This Life Is Not All** - Christian hope reaches beyond this present world.
2. **Hope Needs Resurrection** - Without resurrection, faith becomes pitiful.
3. **Christ Is More** - The Lord is not merely a helper for earthly comfort.
4. **Suffering Needs Glory** - Christian sacrifice makes sense only with future resurrection.
5. **Worldly Gospels Fail** - Any gospel focused only on now is too small.
6. **Misery Follows Denial** - If hope ends at death, believers are most miserable.
7. **Future Hope Stands** - Because Christ lives, Christian hope is eternal.

1 Corinthians 15:20 - 7 Victories In Christ's Resurrection

1. **But Now Triumphs** - Paul overturns every dark consequence of resurrection denial.
2. **Christ Is Risen** - The gospel rests on the living Lord Jesus Christ.
3. **Death Was Defeated** - Christ rose from among the dead in victory.
4. **Firstfruits Guarantee Harvest** - His resurrection assures the saints' resurrection.
5. **Sleeping Saints Will Rise** - Those fallen asleep in Christ are not perished.
6. **Faith Is Not Vain** - The risen Christ gives substance to the believer's faith.
7. **Hope Is Secured** - Because Christ lives, the believer's future is certain.

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2. **Adam Was Real** - Paul's resurrection doctrine depends on a real first man.
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5. **Christ Owns His Saints** - The promise belongs to those that are His.
6. **His Coming Matters** - Resurrection hope is tied to the Lord's return.
7. **Death Cannot Keep His Own** - The grave must release what belongs to Christ.

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1. **The End Comes** - God's program moves toward a certain conclusion.
2. **Christ Delivers Kingdom** - The Son hands the completed kingdom to the Father.
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5. **All Authority Bows** - Every false and rebellious authority will be brought low.

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1 Corinthians 15:25 – 7 Truths About Christ's Reign

1. **Christ Must Reign** - His kingdom rule is divinely appointed and certain.
2. **Enemies Remain Temporary** - Every opposing power has an expiration date.
3. **The King Subdues** - Christ does not negotiate with rebellion; He conquers it.
4. **All Enemies Fall** - No rival power will stand outside His authority.
5. **His Feet Triumph** - Every enemy ends beneath the risen King.
6. **Prophecy Demands Reign** - Psalm 110 requires Christ's enemies to become His footstool.
7. **Victory Is Scheduled** - Christ reigns until God's appointed conquest is complete.

1 Corinthians 15:26 – 7 Truths About Death's Destruction

1. **Death Is Enemy** - Scripture never treats death as man's friend.
2. **Death Came Through Sin** - The grave entered through Adam's fall.

3. **Death Falls Last** - The final enemy destroyed is death itself.
4. **Christ Already Conquered** - His resurrection broke death's dominion.
5. **The Grave Is Temporary** - The dead in Christ shall rise again.
6. **Victory Swallows Death** - Death's final end is complete destruction.
7. **No More Death** - God's final order removes the enemy forever.

1 Corinthians 15:27 – 7 Lessons About Christ's Dominion

1. **All Things Subjected** - God has placed all things under Christ's feet.
2. **Christ Holds Dominion** - The risen Lord rules above every power.
3. **Enemies Go Beneath** - Every rival ends under His authority.
4. **The Father Excepted** - The One who put all things under Christ is not subjected.
5. **Order Guards Doctrine** - Divine order does not deny Christ's deity.
6. **Adam's Loss Restored** - Christ fulfills the dominion Adam lost.
7. **Every Power Answers** - Nothing rebellious escapes Christ's final rule.

1 Corinthians 15:28 – 7 Truths About God All In All

1. **All Things Subdued** - Every enemy and power is brought under Christ.
2. **The Son Completes** - Christ finishes the kingdom work appointed to Him.
3. **Divine Order Stands** - The Son's subjection shows order, not inferiority.
4. **The Father Glorified** - The kingdom program ends in God's supreme glory.
5. **No Rival Remains** - Every rebellion is removed from God's final order.
6. **Christ's Reign Triumphs** - His victory brings all things into subjection.
7. **God All In All** - The final state displays God's uncontested supremacy.

1 Corinthians 15:29 – 7 Lessons From Baptism For The Dead

1. **Resurrection Controls Meaning** – No act connected to the dead makes sense without resurrection.
2. **They Not We** – Paul uses “they,” not “we,” keeping distance from the practice.
3. **No Proxy Salvation** – No living man can save a dead sinner by ritual.
4. **Clear Verses Rule** – Hard passages must bow to plain gospel truth.
5. **Death Is Not Final** – The dead are not beyond God’s resurrection power.
6. **Baptism Pictures Hope** – Christian baptism points to death, burial, and resurrection.
7. **False Doctrine Exposed** – Resurrection denial makes religious practice empty.

1 Corinthians 15:30 – 7 Truths About Apostolic Jeopardy

1. **Danger Proves Conviction** – Paul’s suffering showed he truly believed resurrection.
2. **Every Hour Counted** – Apostolic ministry lived under constant threat.
3. **Truth Brings Peril** – Preaching Christ made enemies of religious and worldly powers.
4. **Comfort Was Not Lord** – Paul did not measure faithfulness by safety.
5. **Resurrection Gives Courage** – Future life made present danger bearable.
6. **Ministry Costs Something** – Real service often carries real hazard.
7. **Risk Is Not Wasted** – Danger for Christ matters because the dead shall rise.

1 Corinthians 15:31 – 7 Marks Of Daily Dying

1. **Paul Spoke Solemnly** – “I protest” gives weight to his testimony.
2. **Joy Stayed In Christ** – His rejoicing was not fleshly pride.
3. **Corinth Still Mattered** – Even a troubled church was gospel fruit.
4. **Death Stood Near** – Paul lived under continual exposure to danger.
5. **Self Was Denied** – Daily dying meant daily surrender.
6. **The Cross Was Practical** – Discipleship required more than religious talk.
7. **Resurrection Made Sense** – Daily dying is wise only because Christ is risen.

1 Corinthians 15:32 – 7 Warnings From Ephesus

1. **Natural Thinking Fails** – “After the manner of men” cannot explain sacrifice.
2. **Beasts Still Rage** – Gospel truth can turn men into savage enemies.
3. **Earthly Profit Vanishes** – Suffering has no advantage if the dead rise not.
4. **Doctrine Shapes Living** – Deny resurrection and morals quickly collapse.
5. **Appetite Becomes King** – “Let us eat and drink” is unbelief’s creed.
6. **Death Shrinks Vision** – Without resurrection, tomorrow’s grave rules today.
7. **Christ Answers The Grave** – Because He lives, the believer rejects fleshly despair.

1 Corinthians 15:33 – 7 Warnings About Corrupt Communications

1. **Deception Is Real** – Believers can be misled when they stop testing voices by Scripture.
2. **Bad Company Spreads** – Evil influence never stays harmless or neutral.
3. **Doctrine Shapes Conduct** – Wrong belief eventually produces wrong living.
4. **Words Carry Poison** – Corrupt speech can rot sound judgment and holy habits.
5. **Manners Need Guarding** – Good conduct must be protected from evil influence.
6. **Leaven Works Quietly** – Small corruption can spread through the whole life.
7. **Separation Is Wisdom** – A Bible believer must avoid influences that corrupt truth.

1 Corinthians 15:34 – 7 Commands For A Sleeping Church

1. **Wake Up Now** – Spiritual sleep must be shaken off before corruption deepens.
2. **Return To Righteousness** – Resurrection truth should produce clean living.
3. **Stop The Sin** – Grace never excuses continued disobedience.
4. **Reject Bad Influence** – Evil communications must not be allowed to lead.
5. **Know God Truly** – Ignorance of God produces doctrinal and moral collapse.

6. **Receive The Rebuke** – Shame can be God’s alarm clock for a careless church.
7. **Stand In Truth** – Sound doctrine must govern conduct, fellowship, and hope.

1 Corinthians 15:35 – 7 Questions From Resurrection Doubters

1. **Unbelief Raises Objections** – The skeptic questions what God has already revealed.
2. **How Is Not Hard** – God’s power is not limited by man’s understanding.
3. **Death Cannot Stop God** – The grave is no obstacle to the Creator.
4. **The Body Matters** – Resurrection is bodily, not vague religious imagination.
5. **God Gives The Body** – The resurrection form belongs to God’s design.
6. **Questions Need Scripture** – Bible answers must rule over human speculation.
7. **Christ Secures Hope** – The dead come forth because the risen Lord has power.

1 Corinthians 15:36 – 7 Lessons From The Seed

1. **Fools Doubt Power** – Unbelief mocks resurrection because it forgets God.
2. **The Field Preaches** – Every seed gives a lesson against resurrection denial.
3. **Sowing Comes First** – The body is placed down before God raises it up.
4. **Death Is Not Final** – What is sown may yet be quickened by God.
5. **God Gives Life** – Only the Lord can quicken what death has claimed.
6. **Change Follows Burial** – The seed dies before a new form appears.
7. **Harvest Is Coming** – The grave is only the field before resurrection glory.

1 Corinthians 15:37 – 7 Lessons From Bare Grain

1. **Sown Not Finished** – The body placed in death is not the final form.
2. **Bare Grain Speaks** – What goes down looks small compared to what shall rise.
3. **God Changes Form** – Resurrection brings transformation without losing identity.

4. **Burial Is Sowing** – The grave becomes the field before God’s harvest.
5. **Weakness Goes Down** – The present body is not resurrection glory.
6. **Continuity Remains** – The body raised is connected to the body sown.
7. **Glory Comes Later** – What shall be is greater than what is buried.

1 Corinthians 15:38 – 7 Truths About God Giving Bodies

1. **God Gives Bodies** – The resurrection body is God’s work, not man’s invention.
2. **Death Decides Nothing** – The grave does not determine the final form.
3. **His Pleasure Rules** – God gives the body according to His own will.
4. **Every Seed Known** – Nothing sown is lost or confused before God.
5. **Own Body Promised** – Resurrection preserves personal identity in changed glory.
6. **Design Belongs To God** – The Creator knows the body suited for eternity.
7. **Hope Rests Secure** – The believer trusts the God who raises the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:39 – 7 Proofs From Different Flesh

1. **Flesh Is Distinguished** – God did not make all flesh the same.
2. **Man Stands Apart** – Human flesh belongs to a distinct created order.
3. **Beasts Differ Clearly** – Land creatures have their own God-given flesh.
4. **Fish Testify Design** – Sea life proves God makes bodies for their realm.
5. **Birds Display Order** – Flying creatures show another kind of flesh.
6. **Creation Rebukes Doubt** – God’s variety proves He can give resurrection bodies.
7. **Distinction Is Biblical** – God’s order is variety without confusion.

1 Corinthians 15:40 – 7 Lessons From Different Glories

1. **Heaven Has Bodies** – Celestial bodies show God’s glory above the earth.
2. **Earth Has Bodies** – Terrestrial bodies display God’s ordered earthly design.

3. **Glory Is Varied** – God assigns different glories to different bodies.
4. **Creation Has Levels** – The heavenly and earthly are not the same.
5. **Resurrection Fits Glory** – God can raise a body suited for eternal life.
6. **Present Glory Fades** – Earthly bodies are not the believer's final condition.
7. **Greater Glory Comes** – The resurrection body will surpass mortal weakness.

1 Corinthians 15:41 – 7 Truths From Differing Heavenly Glories

1. **Sun Has Glory** – God gave the greater light its own appointed brightness.
2. **Moon Has Glory** – The lesser light shines by God's ordered design.
3. **Stars Have Glory** – The heavenly host displays God's varied majesty.
4. **Glory Differs** – God does not flatten His creation into sameness.
5. **Stars Speak Order** – One star differeth from another in glory.
6. **Heaven Rebukes Doubt** – God's skies preach resurrection possibility.
7. **God Assigns Glory** – Future resurrection glory belongs to His pleasure.

1 Corinthians 15:42 – 7 Lessons From Corruption To Incorruption

1. **Resurrection Is Certain** – Paul applies creation's order to the dead.
2. **Bodies Are Sown** – Burial is planting before God's harvest.
3. **Corruption Goes Down** – The present body bears Adam's decay.
4. **Death Is Temporary** – The grave receives but cannot keep the saint.
5. **Incorruption Comes Up** – God raises the body beyond decay.
6. **Christ Secures It** – His resurrection guarantees the believer's rising.
7. **Victory Replaces Rot** – Corruption loses when God raises the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:43 – 7 Contrasts Between Burial And Glory

1. **Dishonour Is Sown** – Death humbles the body under Adam's fall.

2. **Glory Is Raised** – God answers the grave with resurrection splendour.
3. **Weakness Goes Down** – The body is buried helpless and frail.
4. **Power Comes Up** – God raises the body beyond mortal limits.
5. **Death Exposes Flesh** – No man boasts when the grave takes over.
6. **Christ Changes Bodies** – The vile body shall be fashioned like His.
7. **Hope Outruns Shame** – Burial’s dishonour is not the final word.

1 Corinthians 15:44 – 7 Truths About The Spiritual Body

1. **Natural Body Sown** – The present body belongs to Adam’s order.
2. **Spiritual Body Raised** – The future body belongs to resurrection life.
3. **Still A Body** – Spiritual does not mean ghostly or bodiless.
4. **Adam Explains Nature** – The first man gave us mortal flesh.
5. **Christ Gives Life** – The last Adam raises bodies in glory.
6. **Change Is Required** – Fleshly weakness cannot inherit final glory.
7. **Resurrection Is Bodily** – God redeems the body, not just the soul.

1 Corinthians 15:44 – 7 Truths About The Spiritual Body

1. **Natural Body Sown** – The present body belongs to Adam’s earthly order.
2. **Spiritual Body Raised** – The future body belongs to resurrection glory.
3. **Body Still Means Body** – Spiritual never means ghostly or bodiless.
4. **Death Plants Natural** – The grave receives the body in mortal weakness.
5. **God Raises Spiritual** – The Lord raises it fitted for eternal life.
6. **Adam Explains Nature** – The first man gave us the natural body.
7. **Christ Secures Glory** – The last Adam gives resurrection transformation.

1 Corinthians 15:45 – 7 Contrasts Between Adam And Christ

1. **Adam Was First** – The first man began the natural human race.
2. **Adam Was Made** – He received life from God, not from himself.
3. **Adam Became Living** – He was made a living soul by God's breath.
4. **Christ Is Last** – The last Adam ends Adam's death-line in victory.
5. **Christ Gives Life** – He is the quickening spirit who raises the dead.
6. **Adam Passes Death** – Natural life in Adam ends in the grave.
7. **Christ Brings Resurrection** – Life in Christ ends in glory.

1 Corinthians 15:46 – 7 Lessons From God's Order

1. **Spiritual Not First** – God begins with the natural order.
2. **Natural Comes First** – Adam's body precedes resurrection glory.
3. **Order Matters** – God does not scramble His doctrinal sequence.
4. **First Birth Natural** – Every man starts in Adam's line.
5. **New Birth Spiritual** – Life in Christ comes afterward by grace.
6. **Sowing Before Raising** – The natural body is planted before glory.
7. **Afterward Brings Hope** – The spiritual body comes by resurrection power.

1 Corinthians 15:47 – 7 Truths About Earth And Heaven

1. **Adam Is Earthy** – The first man came from the dust.
2. **Earth Explains Weakness** – Adam's body belongs to mortal limitation.
3. **Dust Marks Man** – The natural race returns to the ground.
4. **Christ Is Second** – The Lord stands as Head of a new race.
5. **Christ Is Lord** – The second man is not merely another man.
6. **Heaven Sent Christ** – The Saviour came from above, not Adam's dust.
7. **Heaven Guarantees Glory** – The Lord from heaven secures resurrection life.

1 Corinthians 15:48 – 7 Marks Of Earthy And Heavenly Men

1. **Earthy Head Produces Earthy** – Adam’s race bears Adam’s condition.
2. **Dust Defines Adam** – The natural man is mortal and earth-bound.
3. **Earthy Men Die** – In Adam all remain under death.
4. **Heavenly Head Produces Heavenly** – Christ’s people share His future glory.
5. **Christ Defines Saints** – The believer’s destiny is tied to the Lord.
6. **Heavenly Men Rise** – Those in Christ will bear His image.
7. **Glory Replaces Dust** – The earthy body gives way to heavenly likeness.

1 Corinthians 15:49 – 7 Promises Of The Heavenly Image

1. **Earthy Image Borne** – Adam’s weakness has marked the present body.
2. **Heavenly Image Coming** – Christ’s glory will mark the future body.
3. **Dust Is Temporary** – The believer is not destined for Adam’s image forever.
4. **Christ Defines Future** – The Lord from heaven secures our final likeness.
5. **Body Will Change** – The vile body shall be fashioned like His.
6. **Glory Is Certain** – “Shall” makes the promise settled and sure.
7. **Resurrection Completes Hope** – The saved body will bear heavenly glory.

1 Corinthians 15:50 – 7 Reasons Flesh Must Be Changed

1. **Flesh Cannot Inherit** – Adam’s present body cannot enter final glory unchanged.
2. **Blood Marks Mortality** – The current body belongs to corruptible life.
3. **Kingdom Requires Fitness** – God’s inheritance demands an incorruptible body.
4. **Corruption Cannot Rise Higher** – Decay cannot inherit incorruption.
5. **Religion Cannot Fix Flesh** – No ritual can make Adam’s body eternal.
6. **Change Is Necessary** – The body must be transformed for glory.
7. **Incorruption Must Come** – God replaces mortality with resurrection life.

1 Corinthians 15:51 – 7 Truths About The Mystery Change

1. **Behold Means Watch** – Paul commands attention to revealed truth.
2. **Mystery Is Revealed** – Hidden truth is now shown through Paul.
3. **Not All Sleep** – Some saints will never pass through death.
4. **All Shall Change** – Every believer needs bodily transformation.
5. **Death Is Bypassed** – The living saints can enter glory without burial.
6. **Body Is Transformed** – This is resurrection change, not mere emotion.
7. **Hope Is Living** – The Church looks for Christ, not the grave.

1 Corinthians 15:52 – 7 Events At The Trumpet

1. **Moment Means Instant** – The change happens faster than man can measure.
2. **Twinkling Shows Speed** – God transforms the saints immediately.
3. **Trumpet Shall Sound** – Heaven gives the command for resurrection victory.
4. **Dead Are Raised** – The graves release the bodies of sleeping saints.
5. **Raised Incorruptible** – Death's decay is replaced with eternal glory.
6. **Living Are Changed** – Saints alive at His coming receive transformation.
7. **Victory Comes Suddenly** – Mortality loses in one divine instant.

1 Corinthians 15:53 – 7 Truths About The Body's Coming Change

1. **Corruption Must Go** – The present body cannot enter glory in its decaying condition.
2. **Incorruption Must Come** – God will clothe the believer's body beyond decay.
3. **Mortality Must End** – Death's claim on the body will be broken.
4. **Immortality Must Arrive** – The changed body will never die again.
5. **The Body Is Included** – Redemption reaches beyond the soul to the body.

6. **Change Is Required** – Flesh cannot inherit glory without divine transformation.
7. **Christ Finishes Redemption** – The Lord completes salvation by changing the body.

1 Corinthians 15:54 – 7 Certainties When Death Is Swallowed

1. **Corruption Gets Covered** – The decaying body puts on incorruption.
2. **Mortality Gets Replaced** – The dying body puts on immortality.
3. **Scripture Gets Fulfilled** – God brings His written promise to pass.
4. **Death Gets Devoured** – The old enemy is swallowed in victory.
5. **Victory Gets Displayed** – Resurrection proves Christ's triumph openly.
6. **The Grave Loses Power** – The body is raised beyond its reach.
7. **Hope Gets Vindicated** – Every promise of bodily glory proves true.

1 Corinthians 15:55 – 7 Questions That Mock The Grave

1. **Death Lost Its Sting** – Sin's condemning poison is removed in Christ.
2. **The Grave Lost Victory** – It cannot hold the bodies Christ redeemed.
3. **The Enemy Gets Taunted** – Paul mocks death from resurrection ground.
4. **The Believer Stands Bold** – Faith looks past burial to glory.
5. **The Tomb Is Temporary** – The dead in Christ shall rise first.
6. **The Sting Is Gone** – Christ's blood answered sin's penalty.
7. **The Victory Is Christ's** – Death cannot defeat the risen Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:56 – 7 Doctrines That Expose Death's Sting

1. **Sin Gives Death Sting** – Death hurts because sin brought judgment.
2. **Law Gives Sin Strength** – God's standard exposes man's guilt.
3. **Adam Brought Death** – Sin entered by one man's disobedience.
4. **The Law Condemns Flesh** – It reveals guilt but cannot save.

5. **Religion Cannot Remove Sin** – Human works cannot answer death's sting.
6. **Christ Paid For Sin** – The cross removes what gave death power.
7. **Grace Gives The Victory** – The answer is Christ, not law-keeping.

1 Corinthians 15:57 – 7 Victories God Gives Through Christ

1. **Victory Is Given** – The believer receives triumph as a gift from God.
2. **Grace Gets Thanks** – Thanksgiving belongs to God, not flesh.
3. **Death Is Defeated** – Christ removes death's final power over the saved.
4. **Sin Is Answered** – The cross deals with death's sting.
5. **Law Is Satisfied** – Christ answers the law's condemning charge.
6. **Christ Is Central** – Victory comes only through our Lord Jesus Christ.
7. **The Saint Stands Sure** – God-given victory makes the believer secure.

1 Corinthians 15:58 – 7 Commands For Resurrection Service

1. **Stand Stedfast** – Resurrection truth should make believers firm.
2. **Stay Unmoveable** – Do not be pushed off sound doctrine.
3. **Always Abound** – Serve the Lord beyond bare-minimum faithfulness.
4. **Work For Christ** – Labour must be in the Lord, not the flesh.
5. **Know The Promise** – God says faithful labour is not vain.
6. **Serve With Certainty** – Resurrection guarantees eternal meaning.
7. **Keep Going Faithfully** – The Lord remembers every true work

1 Corinthians 16:1 – 7 Truths About Ordered Giving

1. **The Matter Is Practical** – Paul moves from doctrine to real church responsibility.
2. **The Collection Is Clear** – The giving had a defined purpose, not vague pressure.
3. **The Saints Are Helped** – The offering was for needy believers.

4. **Apostolic Order Matters** – Paul gave instruction, not emotional manipulation.
5. **Churches Share Responsibility** – Galatia and Corinth followed the same order.
6. **Grace Has Structure** – Giving under grace is willing but not chaotic.
7. **Obedience Follows Doctrine** – Resurrection truth leads to practical service.

1 Corinthians 16:2 – 7 Principles For Grace Giving

1. **First-Day Order** – Giving was connected with regular church practice.
2. **Every Saint Participates** – Each believer had personal responsibility.
3. **Private Preparation Counts** – Giving was to be planned ahead of time.
4. **Prosperity Sets Measure** – Giving was according to God's provision.
5. **Pressure Is Avoided** – Paul wanted no last-minute money scramble.
6. **Grace Gives Thoughtfully** – Willing giving can still be organized.
7. **God Gets Credit** – Prosperity came from God, not flesh.

1 Corinthians 16:3 – 7 Marks Of Honest Ministry Money

1. **The Church Approves** – Trusted men were chosen by the assembly.
2. **Letters Give Witness** – Written approval protected the mission.
3. **Messengers Carry Liberality** – The gift was handled by accountable servants.
4. **Paul Avoids Suspicion** – Money was not handled in secret.
5. **Generosity Has Direction** – The liberality had a clear destination.
6. **Jerusalem Receives Help** – The poor saints were the intended recipients.
7. **Accountability Guards Testimony** – Honest handling protects the Lord's work.

1 Corinthians 16:4 – 7 Lessons In Clean Ministry Accountability

1. **Wisdom Guides Travel** – Paul would go only if it was meet.
2. **Paul Avoids Ego** – He did not force himself into the center.

3. **Approved Men Remain** – The church’s messengers still carried responsibility.
4. **Shared Oversight Protects** – Traveling together guarded the gift.
5. **Ministry Needs Judgment** – Not every possible action is necessary.
6. **Faithful Servants Matter** – Lesser-known messengers had important work.
7. **Clean Work Honors God** – Honest order keeps ministry above reproach.

1 Corinthians 16:5 – 7 Lessons From Paul’s Macedonia Route

1. **Paul Planned Clearly** – He told Corinth his intended route.
2. **Corinth Still Mattered** – Correction did not erase Paul’s care.
3. **Macedonia Came First** – Ministry often follows ordered steps.
4. **Travel Served Doctrine** – Paul moved to strengthen real churches.
5. **Care Was Regional** – One servant carried burdens for many assemblies.
6. **Timing Required Wisdom** – He would come, but not immediately.
7. **Plans Stayed Purposeful** – Paul’s route was ministry, not wandering.

1 Corinthians 16:6 – 7 Truths About Wintering With Saints

1. **Plans Remained Humble** – Paul said “it may be,” not “I control.”
2. **Abiding Shows Care** – He wanted meaningful time with Corinth.
3. **Winter Requires Patience** – Some ministry seasons require staying.
4. **Fellowship Supports Labour** – Corinth could help Paul onward.
5. **Journeys Need Help** – Faithful servants may need practical support.
6. **Service Moves Forward** – Paul expected to continue wherever God led.
7. **Support Shares Fruit** – Helping the servant helps the work.

1 Corinthians 16:7 – 7 Principles For Submitted Ministry Plans

1. **No Rushed Visit** – Paul refused a shallow passing stop.

2. **Tarrying Takes Time** – Troubled churches need patient ministry.
3. **Hope Stayed Real** – Paul trusted he would come later.
4. **Love Needed Presence** – His correction included personal care.
5. **Plans Bowed Low** – Everything depended on the Lord's permission.
6. **Timing Belongs Godward** – Delay can still be obedience.
7. **Depth Beats Appearance** – Real ministry is more than quick visibility.

1 Corinthians 16:8 – 7 Reasons Paul Tarrying At Ephesus

1. **Ephesus Still Needed Him** – Paul stayed where work remained.
2. **Tarrying Shows Faithfulness** – He did not run from hard fields.
3. **Open Doors Matter** – Present opportunity guided his delay.
4. **Adversaries Did Not Stop Him** – Opposition did not cancel obedience.
5. **Timing Had Boundaries** – He planned to stay until Pentecost.
6. **Strategy Served The Word** – One city became a wider gospel center.
7. **Faithfulness Stays Put** – God's servant remains until moved.

1 Corinthians 16:9 – 7 Truths About Open Doors And Adversaries

1. **Great Doors Are God-Given** – Paul saw the opportunity as opened by the Lord.
2. **Effectual Doors Produce Fruit** – The word was not merely heard but working.
3. **Opposition Does Not Cancel** – Many adversaries did not close God's door.
4. **Fruit Attracts Enemies** – The devil fights where Scripture gains ground.
5. **Ease Is Not The Test** – A hard field can still be the right field.
6. **Truth Threatens Darkness** – Ephesus raged because the word prevailed.
7. **Faithfulness Keeps Standing** – Paul stayed where the door was open.

1 Corinthians 16:10 – 7 Lessons About Receiving Timothy

1. **Faithful Servants Need Room** – Timothy was to minister without fear.
2. **Youth Must Not Be Crushed** – Corinth was not to intimidate him.
3. **The Work Matters Most** – Timothy worked the work of the Lord.
4. **Character Beats Presence** – He was proven, not flashy.
5. **Churches Affect Labourers** – A carnal assembly can make ministry painful.
6. **Paul Commended Faithfulness** – Timothy’s service stood with Paul’s work.
7. **Receive Helpers Rightly** – God’s workers should not be treated lightly.

1 Corinthians 16:11 – 7 Warnings Against Despising Faithful Men

1. **No Man May Despise** – Paul forbade contempt toward Timothy.
2. **Pride Rejects Helpers** – Carnal saints often belittle faithful servants.
3. **Peace Should Send Him** – Timothy was to leave Corinth untroubled.
4. **Ministry Must Move Forward** – They were to conduct him on his way.
5. **Paul Expected Timothy** – His return mattered to the wider work.
6. **Brethren Labour Together** – Timothy traveled in fellowship, not isolation.
7. **Comparison Breeds Contempt** – Party spirit despises lesser-known workers.

1 Corinthians 16:12 – 7 Truths About Paul And Apollos

1. **Apollos Was A Brother** – Paul refused to treat him as a rival.
2. **Jealousy Had No Place** – Paul greatly desired his ministry at Corinth.
3. **Brethren Serve Together** – Apollos would have come with the brethren.
4. **Willingness Still Matters** – Paul did not force Apollos to go.
5. **Timing Must Be Right** – Apollos would not come at that time.
6. **Delay Is Not Division** – His absence did not mean broken fellowship.
7. **Convenient Time Governs** – Ministry should move in fitting season.

1 Corinthians 16:13 – 7 Commands For Battle-Ready Believers

1. **Watch With Discernment** – Stay awake to danger, error, and spiritual attack.
2. **Stand In The Faith** – Hold Bible truth without drifting or retreating.
3. **Reject Spiritual Childhood** – Stop acting carnal, shallow, and unstable.
4. **Act Like Men** – Carry yourself with courage, maturity, and backbone.
5. **Be Strong In Grace** – Draw strength from the Lord, not the flesh.
6. **Face Many Adversaries** – Do not collapse when opposition rises.
7. **Hold The Line** – Stay fixed where Scripture has placed you.

1 Corinthians 16:14 – 7 Rules For Charity-Governed Service

1. **Charity Must Govern** – Every action must be ruled by Bible love.
2. **Truth Needs Charity** – Sound doctrine should not become fleshly harshness.
3. **Charity Needs Truth** – Real love never rejoices in iniquity.
4. **All Things Count** – Speech, service, correction, and giving must be charitable.
5. **Strength Needs Control** – Courage without charity becomes cruelty.
6. **Service Must Edify** – Love seeks the good of the saints.
7. **Charity Shows Maturity** – Spiritual growth is seen in how truth is handled.

1 Corinthians 16:15 – 7 Marks Of Stephanas' Serving House

1. **Known By Service** – Stephanas' household had a visible ministry testimony.
2. **Firstfruits In Achaia** – They were early evidence of gospel fruit.
3. **Seniority Became Service** – Being first did not make them proud.
4. **Addicted To Ministry** – They devoted themselves to serving saints.
5. **Saints Were The Focus** – Their labour helped God's people practically.
6. **Household Faith Worked** – Their home became marked by ministry.
7. **Charity Took Action** – Their love showed itself in service.

1 Corinthians 16:16 – 7 Reasons To Honour Faithful Labourers

1. **Submit To Such** – Paul points submission toward proven servants.
2. **Service Earns Recognition** – Labour matters more than empty titles.
3. **Helpers Deserve Honour** – Those who help the work should not be resisted.
4. **Labourers Carry Burdens** – Real ministry requires effort and sacrifice.
5. **Order Protects Churches** – Submission to faithful workers prevents confusion.
6. **Spectators Should Learn** – Critics should respect those actually labouring.
7. **Servants Lead Rightly** – Bible authority is tied to helping and labouring.

1 Corinthians 16:17 – 7 Lessons From Men Who Supplied The Lack

1. **Paul Was Glad** – Faithful brethren encouraged a burdened servant.
2. **Coming Matters** – They did more than talk; they showed up.
3. **Stephanas Was Proven** – His household was already known for service.
4. **Unknown Men Count** – Fortunatus and Achaicus mattered though briefly mentioned.
5. **Lacks Need Supplying** – Useful servants fill gaps instead of complaining.
6. **Care Can Be Carried** – A few faithful men represented Corinth's concern.
7. **Supply Beats Spectating** – The work needs helpers, not distant critics.

1 Corinthians 16:18 – 7 Marks Of Spiritual Refreshers

1. **They Refreshed Paul** – Their presence strengthened his spirit.
2. **They Refreshed Corinth** – Their usefulness blessed more than one side.
3. **Refreshers Lighten Loads** – They reduce burdens instead of adding them.
4. **Service Deserves Notice** – Paul commanded acknowledgment of such men.
5. **Such Men Matter** – Proven helpers should not be overlooked.

6. **Honour Is Biblical** – Recognizing labourers is not man-worship.
7. **Refreshers Are Rare** – The church needs saints who strengthen others.

1 Corinthians 16:19 – 7 Truths About Churches And Households

1. **Asia Sent Greetings** – Regional churches shared fellowship with Corinth.
2. **Churches Stay Connected** – Local assemblies are distinct but not isolated.
3. **Aquila Served Faithfully** – His life was tied to the work of God.
4. **Priscilla Helped Doctrine** – She helped strengthen Apollos with truth.
5. **Fellowship Is In Christ** – Their greeting was “in the Lord.”
6. **Homes Can Serve** – Their house became useful for the church.
7. **Buildings Are Tools** – The saints, not architecture, make the church.

1 Corinthians 16:20 – 7 Principles For Holy Fellowship

1. **Brethren Greet Brethren** – Christian fellowship should not be cold.
2. **Correction Keeps Fellowship** – Rebuked saints were still greeted as brethren.
3. **Greet One Another** – Mutual warmth fights factional pride.
4. **Affection Must Be Holy** – Christian greetings must stay clean.
5. **Charity Shows Publicly** – Love should appear in real conduct.
6. **Unity Needs Purity** – Fellowship must be warm without worldliness.
7. **Holiness Guards Love** – Brotherly affection must remain under Scripture.

1 Corinthians 16:21 – 7 Marks Of Paul’s Own-Hand Salutation

1. **Paul Personally Signs** – The apostle places his own mark on the epistle.
2. **Authority Is Confirmed** – The letter bears genuine Pauline authority.
3. **Forgery Is Guarded** – His own hand helps protect against false letters.
4. **Doctrine Is Owned** – Paul stands behind every correction he wrote.

5. **Commands Are Weighty** – His writings carry the commandments of the Lord.
6. **Care Is Personal** – The rebuke came from a real burdened apostle.
7. **Scripture Stands Written** – God gave the church fixed written words.

1 Corinthians 16:22 – 7 Warnings For Christless Hearts

1. **Any Man Is Included** – No religious hiding place escapes the warning.
2. **Love For Christ Matters** – Cold indifference reveals a cursed condition.
3. **Christ Holds Full Honour** – He is the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. **False Religion Fails** – No church system can replace love for Him.
5. **Anathema Is Severe** – Christ-rejecting hearts remain under judgment.
6. **Maranatha Is Coming** – The rejected Lord will appear.
7. **Neutrality Is Rebellion** – No man stands safely indifferent to Christ.

1 Corinthians 16:23 – 7 Riches Of Christ's Grace

1. **Grace Closes Strongly** – Paul ends correction with divine supply.
2. **Christ Is Source** – Grace comes through our Lord Jesus Christ.
3. **Saints Still Need Grace** – Saved people need grace for daily growth.
4. **Grace Corrects Carnality** – True grace trains saints out of sin.
5. **Grace Is Not Law** – Human merit cannot be mixed with Christ's grace.
6. **Grace Restores Hope** – Corrected believers are not cast away.
7. **Grace Stays With Us** – The Lord's supply remains with His people.

1 Corinthians 16:24 – 7 Truths About Love In Christ

1. **Love Ends Correction** – Paul's rebuke was governed by real love.
2. **Truth Proves Love** – Honest correction is not hatred.
3. **All Saints Included** – Paul's love reached the whole assembly.

4. **Factions Are Rebuked** – His love was not party-spirited.
5. **Christ Defines Love** – Bible love is “in Christ Jesus.”
6. **Love Needs Holiness** – True affection never excuses carnality.
7. **Amen Seals It** – Grace, warning, truth, and love all stand.

Conclusion

The journey through 1 Corinthians is not a light journey. It begins with grace and calling, but it quickly brings the reader face to face with the real condition of believers who have been blessed in Christ and yet still need correction, order, humility, holiness, charity, and hope. That is one reason this epistle is so searching. It does not allow the Christian to hide behind profession, gifts, knowledge, religious activity, or church membership. It brings everything under the authority of the word of God. It asks whether Christ is truly the foundation, whether the cross has truly humbled the flesh, whether the body has truly been yielded to the Lord, whether liberty is truly governed by charity, whether worship is truly ordered by Scripture, and whether the resurrection truly shapes the way we labor.

This book, **1 Corinthians Lists of 7s**, was designed to help the reader walk through that great epistle one verse at a time and gather truth in an ordered, memorable, and useful way. Every verse has been treated as worthy of attention. Every line has been approached with the conviction that God does not waste words. The lists are not meant to exhaust the text, for no human work can exhaust the living word of God. Rather, they are meant to open the text, organize the thoughts, sharpen the understanding, and lead the reader back to Scripture with greater interest, greater reverence, and greater care.

The value of a study like this is not found merely in the number of lists, the structure of the material, or the amount of labor involved. Its true value is found only if it helps God’s people love, understand, believe, and obey the Bible more faithfully. A list is useful only if it serves the truth. An outline is useful only if it points back to the words of God. A study tool is useful only if it makes the reader more attentive to Scripture, not less. That is the burden behind this work. The purpose is not to replace Bible reading, but to strengthen it. It is not to substitute human observation for divine revelation, but to give the reader handles by which to take hold of what God has already said.

First Corinthians teaches that the Christian life must be governed by more than emotion, tradition, personality, or preference. It must be governed by truth. The Corinthians had

many blessings, but they also had many problems. They were saints, but they were divided. They were enriched, but they were carnal. They had gifts, but they lacked maturity. They had liberty, but they needed restraint. They had knowledge, but they needed charity. They had the Lord's supper, but they needed reverence. They had spiritual manifestations, but they needed order. They had questions, but they needed apostolic answers. They had hope, but they needed the resurrection set before them in power.

This makes 1 Corinthians a book for every generation of believers. The problems of Corinth did not die in Corinth. Churches still divide over personalities. Christians still mistake giftedness for spirituality. Believers still excuse carnality while claiming grace. Knowledge still puffs up when charity is absent. Liberty is still abused when conscience is ignored. The Lord's table is still approached lightly by many. Worship is still confused where Scripture is neglected. The resurrection is still treated by some as a doctrine for funerals instead of a living hope that strengthens daily service. The word of God is as necessary now as it was then.

Yet the epistle is not only corrective. It is also deeply encouraging. Paul begins by reminding the Corinthians of grace. He reminds them that God is faithful. He points them to Christ as wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. He tells them they are washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. He teaches them that their bodies are members of Christ and temples of the Holy Ghost. He shows them the more excellent way of charity. He declares the gospel by which they are saved. He proclaims that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures. He brings them at last to the shout of victory: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

That is the glory of 1 Corinthians. It corrects without destroying hope. It rebukes without denying grace. It exposes sin while exalting Christ. It humbles the proud but strengthens the faithful. It warns the careless but comforts the steadfast. It deals honestly with the failures of God's people while continually directing them back to the sufficiency of the Lord Jesus Christ. The believer who receives this epistle with a humble heart will not merely learn facts about the Corinthian church. He will be searched, corrected, established, and encouraged in his own walk with God.

The great lesson running through the epistle is that Christ must have the preeminence in the life of the believer and in the assembly of the saints. He is not one party leader among many. He is not a religious symbol to be attached to human wisdom. He is not the servant of our ambitions, traditions, or preferences. He is the crucified Lord, the risen Saviour, the foundation of the church, the Head of the body, the giver of grace, the source of spiritual life, the Judge before whom every servant's work will be tried, and the Victor who will

swallow up death in victory. When Christ is central, pride is rebuked, division is healed, sin is judged, service is purified, liberty is restrained by love, worship is brought into order, and labor is made meaningful.

The reader who has worked through these lists has not merely passed through a collection of outlines. He has walked through one of the most practical, doctrinal, corrective, and strengthening books in the New Testament. He has seen the church as God sees it, the flesh as God exposes it, the cross as God preaches it, ministry as God judges it, holiness as God requires it, charity as God defines it, resurrection as God reveals it, and service as God rewards it. That kind of study should leave a mark. It should not end with a closed book and an unchanged life. It should produce humility, gratitude, discernment, obedience, and renewed devotion to the Lord.

If there is one prayer behind this work, it is that the reader would come away more convinced than ever that the Bible is inexhaustibly rich. A single verse may contain enough truth to instruct the mind, convict the conscience, warm the heart, and guide the steps. A familiar passage may open with fresh force when read carefully. A verse passed over quickly may contain doctrine, warning, comfort, and correction. The word of God rewards attention. It meets the hungry soul. It reproves the careless heart. It strengthens the weary servant. It arms the faithful witness. It furnishes the man of God unto all good works.

May these lists continue to serve beyond the first reading. May they become seeds for sermons, lessons for classes, thoughts for devotion, helps for family Bible study, and reminders for personal meditation. May pastors find material that helps them preach more clearly. May teachers find structure that helps them teach more carefully. May young believers find stepping stones into deeper study. May mature saints find fresh reasons to rejoice in familiar truth. May churches be helped to think biblically about doctrine, order, holiness, charity, and hope. And may every helpful thing in these pages lead the reader back to the Book itself.

No human work deserves the final word. The final word belongs to God. The lists will end. The outlines will end. The study notes will end. But the Scripture remains. "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." The greatest thing this book can do is send the reader back to the Bible with a deeper confidence that every word is pure, every verse is profitable, every doctrine is necessary, every correction is merciful, and every promise of God is sure.

Therefore, let the truths of 1 Corinthians remain with you. When pride rises, remember the cross. When division tempts, remember the body. When sin appeals, remember that ye are bought with a price. When liberty calls, remember charity. When worship becomes careless, remember that God is not the author of confusion. When knowledge increases,

remember that charity edifieth. When labor grows difficult, remember the resurrection. When death casts its shadow, remember the victory given through our Lord Jesus Christ.

And when the work seems long, the service heavy, the opposition real, and the day uncertain, let the closing charge of the great resurrection chapter ring in the heart again: “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.” That is where the study of 1 Corinthians ought to leave us—not merely informed, but steadfast; not merely corrected, but strengthened; not merely impressed, but obedient; not merely hearers, but laborers whose work is not in vain in the Lord.

To God be the glory for His word, for His Son, for His grace, for His church, for His correction, for His promises, and for the blessed hope of resurrection victory. May this study of 1 Corinthians help many believers stand more firmly, walk more cleanly, serve more faithfully, love more biblically, and look more earnestly for the day when faith shall become sight and victory shall be complete in Jesus Christ our Lord.



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PAUL'S LETTER TO THE CHURCH AT CORINTH— A CALL TO ORDER, HOLINESS, CHARITY & HOPE IN CHRIST.

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INSPIRED BY THE HOLY GHOST
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7 PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS FOR TODAY						1 CORINTHIANS AT A GLANCE	
 LOVE THE WORD "Thy word have I hid in mine heart..." PSALM 119:11	 WALK IN HOLINESS "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice..." ROMANS 12:1	 SERVE IN LOVE "By love serve one another." GALATIANS 5:13	 USE GIFTS WISELY "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another." 1 PETER 4:10	 KEEP THE FAITH "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering." HEBREWS 10:23	 PURSUE CHRIST "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching unto those things which are before." PHILIPPIANS 3:13	 LOOK FOR HIS RETURN "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" REVELATION 22:20	<p>AUTHOR: The Apostle Paul RECIPIENTS: The Church of God at Corinth DATE WRITTEN: About A.D. 55 KEY VERSE: "But we preach Christ crucified..." 1 Cor. 1:23 KEY WORDS: Cross, Church, Grace, Gifts, Holiness, Liberty, Love, Resurrection, Order PURPOSE: To correct, instruct, and establish the saints in the truth of God.</p>

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