

*Acts 1 Study and Discussion Questions*  
*Lesson Seven: Corinthians, Part 1 – 1 Corinthians 1-7*

Read 1 Corinthians 1-2.

- 1) According to Paul in 1 Corinthians 1:10-17, what was the source of a serious division in the church at Corinth?
  
- 2) In 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, what is the essence of the message Paul called the wisdom and power of God (include verse numbers)? In which verse(s) in chapter 2 did Paul say that he determined his preaching would reflect this same simple, yet powerful, wisdom?
  
- 3) List the terms, phrases, descriptions, or information given in 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 about this wisdom of God.
  
- 4) For whom will you pray to recognize the “foolishness” of the cross as “the wisdom of God” (1 Corinthians 2:14)? In what realm of your own life do you need “the mind of Christ” (compare 1 Corinthians 2:12, 16 with Ephesians 1:17-21, Philippians 1:9-11, and Colossians 1:9)?

Read 1 Corinthians 3.

- 5) Examine 1 Corinthians 3:12-15. What do the terms “fire” and “the day” (or “that day”) represent in the Bible (see Isaiah 2:11, 66:16, Jeremiah 46:10, Joel 1:15, Amos 7:4, Zephaniah 1:15, Malachi 4:1, 2 Timothy 4:8, Hebrews 10:27, and 2 Peter 3:7)?

- 6) How might a person build on the foundation of Jesus Christ using gold, silver or costly stones? (You may use any Bible knowledge you have to suggest answers, since Paul is not specific in this passage.)

Read 1 Corinthians 4.

- 7) What point did Paul make sarcastically in 1 Corinthians 4:8-10 about the Corinthians' attitude in respect to their teachers (the "us" in verse 1), and how did he say that they ought to have viewed them?
- 8) What words did Paul use to describe himself and the other apostles in chapter 4?
- 9) Consider the contrast between the attitude of the Corinthians and the attitude of the apostles in 1 Corinthians 4. Then read Romans 12:3 and describe any patterns of thinking you have developed, through circumstances in your past or a bent in your personality, that need to be overcome so that you can evaluate yourself soberly.

Read 1 Corinthians 5-6.

- 10) How many letters did Paul apparently write to the Corinthians (see 1 Corinthians 5:9, 2 Corinthians 2:4 with 7:8-9, and 2 Corinthians 7:5-7 [where Paul mentions the location from which he wrote 2 Corinthians])?

- 11)** List the two sins of the Corinthian church that Paul addressed in these chapters and one or two verses that summarize his advice to them.
- 12)** For what purpose did Paul insist that the incestuous man in their congregation be excommunicated? Have you ever witnessed anything like this?
- 13)** In 1 Corinthians 6:19, Paul referred to the physical bodies of believers as the Holy Spirit's "temple." How could you do a better job of honoring God with your body" (6:20)?

Read 1 Corinthians 7.

- 14)** List the challenge(s) from 1 Corinthians 7 that apply to your own marital position in life.

- 15)** Reread 1 Corinthians 7:29-31. What pleasures, circumstances or relationships tempt you to live as if the "here and now" is more important than things of eternal value?