

Outline of 1 Corinthians¹

- I. Introduction (1:1-9)
 - A. Salutation (1:1-3)
 - B. Prayer of Thanksgiving (1:4-9)
- II. Response to Oral Reports (1:10-6:20)
 - A. A Proper Perspective on Christian Ministers and Ministry (1:10-4:21)
 - 1. The Problem of Disunity (1:10-17)
 - 2. The Sin of Dependence on Personal Abilities (1:18-25)
 - 3. The Sin of Personal Boasting (1:26-31)
 - 4. Paul, a Model of Dependence on God (2:1-5)
 - 5. Spiritual Wisdom versus Worldly Wisdom (2:6-16)
 - 6. The Immaturity of the Corinthians (3:1-9)
 - 7. God's Evaluation of Christian Ministry (3:10-17)
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 - 9. Paul's Example of Christian Ministry (4:1-21)
 - B. Immorality in the Church (5:1-13)
 - C. Disputes Between Believers (6:1-11)
 - D. Limitations on Freedom in Christ (6:12-20)
- III. Responses to a Letter from the Corinthians (7:1-16:4)
 - A. Matters related to Sex and Marriage (7:1-40)
 - 1. To the Married (7:1-7)
 - 2. To Singles and Widows (7:8-9)
 - 3. To Those in Difficult Marriages (7:10-24)
 - 4. To Virgins (7:25-38)
 - 5. To Widows (7:39-40)
 - B. Matters related to Idol Feasts (8:1-11:1)
 - 1. Food Offered to Idols (8:1-13)
 - 2. Paul Foregoes Rights of Apostle (9:1-27)
 - 3. Food Offered to Idols (continued; 10:1-11:1)
 - C. Matters related to Christian Worship (11:2-34)
 - 1. Gender Distinctions in Worship (11:2-16)
 - 2. Behavior During the Lord's Supper (11:17-34)
 - D. Matters related to Spiritual Gifts (12:1-14:40)
 - 1. Diversity of Gifts, Unity in the Body (12:1-31)
 - 2. The Supremacy of Love (13:1-13)
 - 3. Prophecy and Tongues (14:1-40)
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- IV. Conclusion (16:5-24)
 - A. Paul's Travel Plans (16:5-12)
 - B. Final Exhortations (16:13-18)
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