

1 Corinthians, Chapters 5-9

Refresh your recollection from chapters 1-4

What do the following passages teach about judging and judgment: 2:14-15; 3:12-15; 4:3-5; 4:14 & 21

Chapter 5 - Incest, arrogance, and the need for discipline

5:1-2 “It is *actually* reported...” Paul can’t believe what he has heard. What action has the church at Corinth taken to address this situation? How does Paul tell them they ought to react? (Gen 6:6; Eph. 4:30)

5:3 -What action does Paul take in this verse? Is it appropriate for Paul to do so, why?
What about the bible verse that says “*Do not judge, or you too will be judged...*” (Matt. 7:1-3)?

5:5 - Likely refers to removing him from the church, since those outside of the church are in Satan’s realm (Eph. 2:2; 1 John 5:19). The reason for the discipline was not simply to punish the man but to bring about his restoration and desire for the church, and eventual salvation.

5:6 - Why should a church be diligent and consistent in exercising church discipline (*when necessary*)?

5:9-13 - Towards whom is church discipline to be administered? Who has the responsibility of judging whom?

Chapter 6 - How members of the body of Christ should settle their differences Acceptable behavior with the physical body, which is a Temple of the Holy Spirit

6:6-8 – Breakdown all that is contained within these verses: Why is this report heartbreaking for Paul? Why the instruction regarding who should be involved? Explain the behavior Paul explains they ought to rather perform?
Look up: John 13:35

6:12 - What two criteria does Paul mention should govern our use of that which is lawful?

6:19-20 - What is the body of one who is a Christian? What then should we do with our bodies? Why? (Eph. 1:7)

Chapter 7 - To understand the basic principles governing marriage, the single life and eligibility for marriage

7:3-5; 10-11- What are Paul's instructions to married Christians?

(Provide affection that is due to one another - Do not deprive one another except by mutual consent - Do not leave or divorce your spouse)

7:12-16 - What does he tell Christians married to unbelievers? (Not to divorce them, as being under the believing spouse's Christian influence they are much more likely to be saved – However, if the unbeliever departs the Christian spouse is not bound nor obligated to seek reconciliation)

7:32-35 - What advantage do the single have over the married? (They are better able to serve the Lord without distraction)

7:39 - What restriction does Paul place on widows who desire to remarry? (They are to marry "only in the Lord")

Chapter 8 - To realize the responsibility we have to our brethren who may be weak or lacking in knowledge

8:1 - What is the danger of knowledge? What is the power of love?

8:9-12 - How can one abuse their liberty in Christ? What is the result of such behavior (v.12)?

Chapter 9 – Paul sets aside his rights for the sake of the gospel

9:7-14 – What arguments does Paul make to justify preachers receiving support?

9:23 - Why was Paul willing to make himself a servant to all men?

9:24-27 – As in 6:12, what topic does Paul return to in order that he and the church at Corinth might attain victory?