

The Book of 1st. Corinthians

A study using 18 questions per chapter
The purpose of this study is to find out
What the Bible says.



THE WORD FOR THE WORLD
STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT
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INSTRUCTIONS

or suggestions as to how to conduct this study.

I can only suggest how this study was originally conducted and it was very successful. First of all, we tried to arrange a very informal atmosphere with the folks sitting in a loose circle. We would begin the session by having tea, or cokes and an informal time of fellowship. Then we would have a prayer time with everyone suggesting names of those for whom we should pray. It was also mentioned each session that we expected that each individual have at least one person for whom they would agree to pray for in regards to that person's salvation.

To actually begin the study the entire chapter would be read aloud with each one willing to read, taking the number of verses and dividing it by the number of people present and each one reading a portion.

Then the first one on the left (a habit of mine) would begin by reading the first question and giving their answer. The verse where their answer was found must also be given. Then the leader asks if everybody agrees. Let discussion carry on as necessary but not too long. Then go to the next question and the next person until all of the fifteen questions are answered.

For the discussion questions (numbers 16-17-18) each person present should give their answer once again going from the first one on the left and so on. Answer one question at a time, with each person present giving their reasons for their answer to each question. Discussion can be long or short depending on how the group feels. Do not carry the class session on too long.

Encourage each one to prepare his answers BEFORE the session begins if at all possible only because they will get more out of the discussion if they have thought about it.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PRINTING.

Just print out normally if you want one lesson per sheet, printed on one sheet of paper. However if you want to print on the back, follow these suggestions.

The margins are set with a binding margin on the left side of the paper. The margin setting is: L = 1.5" R=.5" T=.5" B=.5" use these settings to print the odd pages. Then go back to page 1 and set the margins as follows to print the even numbered pages: L=.5" R=1.5" T=.5" B=.5" and it will come out very close to give you the binding margin you need for stapling or binding in any way you like.

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FIRST CORINTHIANS - CHAPTER 1
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What name applies to the group that Paul is writing to, and what characteristics describe the individuals in this group? _____
_____ Verse _____
2. For what were they eagerly waiting? _____
_____ Verse _____
3. This church was divided into groups that followed certain men; name them. _____
_____ Verse _____
4. What two things is the message of the cross called in this chapter? _____,
_____ Verse _____
5. What do the Jews demand, and what do the Greeks look for? _____
_____, _____ Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put T or F and the verse where you found your answer)

6. _____ Paul said that the Corinthians were lacking in spiritual gifts.
7. _____ Some from Chloe's household told Paul of quarrels (contentions) among them.
8. _____ Paul did not baptize anyone in Corinth.
9. _____ The preaching of Christ crucified is called a stumbling block and foolishness.
10. _____ God chose the wise things of the world to shame the foolish.

YES OR NO

(Put Y or N and the verse where you found your answer)

11. _____ Does Paul teach that God will keep the Corinthians strong and blameless until the end?
12. _____ Can the world through its wisdom know God?
13. _____ Is the message "Christ crucified", the "power of God and the wisdom of God?"
14. _____ Is there any place for a man to boast before God?
15. _____ Is Jesus called our righteousness, holiness, and redemption?

THINK FOR YOURSELF

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FIRST CORINTHIANS - CHAPTER 2
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Paul says that he came to them knowing only one thing, what was it? _____ Verse _____
2. When Paul tells them about a wisdom that had been hidden, for how long had it been hidden? _____ Verse _____
3. What does the Spirit of God search? _____ Verse _____
4. Who is the only one who knows the thoughts of God? _____ Verse _____
5. What two statements does Paul make about the spiritual man? (a) _____ Verse _____
b) _____ Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put T or F and the verse where you found your answer)

6. _____ Paul says he came in weakness and fear, but with great wisdom.
7. _____ Nobody knows what God has prepared for those who love Him.
8. _____ The reason that God gave them his Spirit was so they might understand what God has freely given them.
9. _____ Spiritual truths are expressed in spiritual words.
10. _____ Paul says that we have the mind of God.

YES OR NO

(Put Y or N and the verse where you found your answer)

11. _____ Was Paul trying to impress them with his wisdom and confidence?
12. _____ Are spiritual things foolishness to some people
13. _____ Is it possible for a man without the Spirit to understand the things that come from the Spirit of God?
14. _____ Is the spiritual man subject to any man's judgment?
15. _____ Is the spiritual man able to judge all things?

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FIRST CORINTHIANS - CHAPTER 3
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What kind of food did Paul give to the Corinthians and why? _____ Verse _____
2. Who planted the seed? _____ Who watered? _____ Verse _____
and who made it grow? _____
3. What is the foundation that was laid and who laid it? _____ Verse _____
4. In your own words tell three things about God's Temple. 1) _____ Verse _____
2) _____ 3) _____
5. How does Paul describe the wisdom of this world? _____ Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put T or F and the verse where you found your answer)

6. _____ Paul calls the Corinthian Christians mere infants in Christ.
7. _____ Paul says they are fellow workers, God's field, and God's building.
8. _____ Paul states that other foundations could be laid other than Jesus Christ.
9. _____ If a man builds using poor materials he is in danger of being lost.
10. _____ The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise.

YES OR NO

(Put Y or N and the verse where you found your answer)

11. _____ Does the presence of jealousy and quarreling mean that people are worldly?
12. _____ Is it the Lord who assigns to each his task?
13. _____ Does God reward every Christian?
14. _____ If you think you are wise, are you deceiving yourself?
15. _____ Are Cephas and Peter the same person?

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FIRST CORINTHIANS - CHAPTER 4
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What is required of those who have been given a trust? _____ Verse _____
2. Match the following: Verses _____
- | | | | |
|----|------------------|-------|------------------------------|
| a. | fools for Christ | _____ | you are strong |
| b. | slandered | _____ | to the whole universe |
| c. | condemned to die | _____ | wise in Christ |
| d. | cursed | _____ | at the end of the procession |
| e. | on display | _____ | we are dishonored |
| f. | made a spectacle | _____ | we bless |
| g. | we are weak | _____ | in the arena |
| h. | honored | _____ | we answered kindly |
| I. | persecuted | _____ | we endure it |
3. Why did Paul urge them to imitate him? _____ Verse _____
4. Who was sent to remind them that Paul's teachings were in harmony with his life? _____ Verse _____
5. What does this phrase describe - "not a matter of talk but of power"? _____ Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put T or F and the verse where you found your answer)

6. _____ Paul said that since his conscience was clear, he was innocent.
7. _____ Paul says each will receive his praise from God when the Lord comes.
8. _____ Paul said the Corinthians had become the scum of the earth.
9. _____ Paul wrote this letter to warn them.
10. _____ Paul said he was coming to Corinth to punish them.

YES OR NO

(Put Y or N and the verse where you found your answer)

11. _____ Are we to judge anything before the appointed time?
12. _____ Did Paul say that they had nothing that had not been given to them?
13. _____ Was Paul talking about the rest of the Apostles as well as himself?
14. _____ Did Paul say that they had ten thousand guardians in Christ?
15. _____ Did some people doubt if Paul would ever return to Corinth?

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FIRST CORINTHIANS - CHAPTER 5
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What kind of sexual immorality was going on in the church in Corinth? _____
Verse _____
2. What else did Paul say was present when they assembled in the name of Christ?
_____ and _____ Verse _____
3. When Paul said not to associate with sexually immoral people, who was he talking about?
_____ Verse _____
4. With whom did Paul say we should not eat? _____
_____ Verse _____
5. Who will judge those outside the Church? _____
Who will judge those inside the Church? _____ Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put T or F and the verse where you found your answer)

6. _____ The man who has his father's wife is called proud.
7. _____ Paul had already passed judgment on this man who was sexually immoral.
8. _____ Christ is called the Passover lamb.
9. _____ There is evidence that this is not Paul's first letter to Corinth.
10. _____ Paul advises to expel the wicked man from the Church.

YES OR NO

(Put Y or N and the verse where you found your answer)

11. _____ Is to hand someone over to Satan the same as excommunication?
12. _____ Is the nature of yeast to be bad or evil?
13. _____ Does Paul advise Christians not to associate with the people of this world?
14. _____ Is it possible to be a Christian and be sexually immoral, or greedy, or an idolator, or a drunkard?
15. _____ Did Paul say he could not judge those outside the church?

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FIRST CORINTHIANS - CHAPTER 6
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What conclusion does Paul come to since they had lawsuits with one another? _____
_____ Verse _____
2. Paul says they were once terrible sinners; what happened to change them? _____
_____ Verse _____
3. What did Paul say their bodies were? _____ Verse _____
4. What is the result of uniting yourself with a prostitute? _____
_____ Verse _____
5. When Paul said, "You are not your own" what was he talking about? _____
_____ Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put T or F and the verse where you found your answer)

6. _____ Paul divides all people into two groups; the ungodly and the saints.
7. _____ Paul says it is better to be wronged than to go to court.
8. _____ Anyone who has been sexually immoral will never inherit the kingdom of God.
9. _____ Because God raised Christ from the dead, he will also raise us from the dead.
10. _____ The body is not meant for sexual immorality.

YES OR NO

(Put Y or N and the verse where you found your answer)

11. _____ Does Paul call their lawsuits trivial?
12. _____ Did Paul think these people were defeated already?
13. _____ In your opinion, are saints and brothers the same?
14. _____ Is the union with Christ a spiritual union?
15. _____ Is your body your own to do with as you please?

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FIRST CORINTHIANS - CHAPTER 7
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Why should each man have his own wife and each woman her own husband? _____
_____ Verse _____
2. What two items of advice did Paul give to the unmarried and the widow?
1) _____
2) _____ Verse _____
3. Under what circumstances is a believing man or woman bound? _____
_____ Verse _____
4. What is the rule that Paul lays down in all churches? _____
_____ Verse _____
5. What was Paul's opinion of this world in its present form? _____
_____ Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put T or F and the verse where you found your answer)

6. _____ Paul say marital duty must not be withheld except for a short time by mutual consent.
7. _____ If a wife leaves her husband she must either return to him or remain unmarried.
8. _____ The unbelieving husband or wife is sanctified through the believing mate.
9. _____ Paul also had a command from the Lord concerning virgins.
10. _____ If a woman's husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes.

YES OR NO

(Put Y or N and the verse where you found your answer)

11. _____ Does marriage help to prevent immorality?
12. _____ Was Paul married?
13. _____ Is keeping God's commands more important than circumcision?
14. _____ Is marriage sinful?
15. _____ Is improper action toward his virgin a reason to marry?

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FIRST CORINTHIANS - CHAPTER 8
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What is the difference between knowledge and love? _____
_____ Verse _____
2. What is the one God called and the One Lord called? One God _____
One Lord _____ Verse _____
3. Describe the weak Christian, according to Paul _____
_____ Verse _____
4. Who could be destroyed by YOUR knowledge? _____
_____ Verse _____
5. Why does Paul say he would never eat meat again? _____
_____ Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put T or F and the verse where you found your answer)

6. _____ If a man thinks he knows something, he really does.
7. _____ An idol is nothing.
8. _____ The Father and Jesus Christ are given equal status by Paul.
9. _____ What we eat cannot make us any better but it could destroy someone else.
10. _____ To offend a weak brother's conscience is to sin against Christ.

YES OR NO

(Put Y or N and the verse where you found your answer)

11. _____ Does Paul say that the Father is the only one through whom all things come and through whom we live?
12. _____ Does food bring us nearer to God?
13. _____ Is it possible for our freedom to be a stumbling block to others?
14. _____ Is sinning against a brother the same as sinning against Christ?
15. _____ Does Paul say that he will never eat meat again?

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FIRST CORINTHIANS - CHAPTER 9
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What was the seal of Paul's apostleship? _____ Verse _____
2. When the Law speaks about not putting a muzzle on an ox, what is it really talking about?

_____ Verse _____
3. How many rights does Paul mention that he has not used? Name them. _____ Verse _____
4. What happens if Paul preached voluntarily? _____ Verse _____
not voluntarily? _____ Verse _____
5. In what way did Paul become a slave to the following;
To the Jew _____ Verse _____
Under the law _____ Verse _____
To those outside the law _____ Verse _____
To the weak _____ Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put T or F and the verse where you found your answer)

6. _____ Paul claims to have seen Jesus (after He had risen).
7. _____ A soldier serves at his own expense.
8. _____ A church should not pay anyone who preaches for them.
9. _____ Paul preached the Gospel free of charge.
10. _____ Paul says he runs aimlessly.

YES OR NO

(Put Y or N and the verse where you found your answer)

11. _____ Was God concerned about oxen when he said do not put on a muzzle?
12. _____ Should spiritual seed that is sown result in a material harvest?
13. _____ Was Paul concerned about the Corinthians giving him financial support?
14. _____ Does Paul say his prize will last forever?
15. _____ Is it possible for a Christian to fall?

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FIRST CORINTHIANS - CHAPTER 10
SHORT ANSWERS

1. How were their forefathers baptized into Christ? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. What evil things did Paul warn them about? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. What temptations did Paul warn them about (what kind)? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. What are pagan sacrifices really offered to? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. What does Paul say about meat sold in the meat market? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put T or F and the verse where you found your answer)

6. _____ Christ was with the Children of Israel in the wilderness.
7. _____ In one of Paul's examples he said 24,000 died in one day.
8. _____ Paul says that in his generation the fulfillment of the ages had come.
9. _____ Paul says it is possible to eat of the Lord's table and the table of demons.
10. _____ We should not cause anyone to stumble.

YES OR NO

(Put Y or N and the verse where you found your answer)

11. _____ Is it possible for a new temptation to come upon us?
12. _____ Will God provide a way out of every temptation?
13. _____ Is an idol anything?
14. _____ Does the term - "Everything is permissible" occur more than once in this chapter?
15. _____ If someone tells you that meat is offered to an idol, should you eat it?

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FIRST CORINTHIANS - CHAPTER 11
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Who is the head of every man? _____. the head of every woman? _____
and who is the head of Christ? _____ Verse _____
2. Why should a man not cover his head when he prays? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. What is a woman's glory? _____ Verse _____
4. How did Paul say the Corinthians humiliated those who had nothing? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. How does a person eat or drink in an unworthy manner when he partakes of the Lord's
Supper? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put T or F and the verse where you found your answer)

6. _____ Woman came from man and man came from woman.
7. _____ If a man has long hair, it is a disgrace.
8. _____ The meetings were doing great good.
9. _____ The Corinthians ate at church meetings.
10. _____ If someone is hungry he should eat at home.

YES OR NO

(Put Y or N and the verse where you found your answer)

11. _____ Can a woman pray in public?
12. _____ Is a man independent of woman?
13. _____ Does nature teach that a woman's long hair is her glory?
14. _____ Did Jesus give them the bread and the cup on the night he was betrayed?
15. _____ Should we examine one another to see who should partake of the loaf and the
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FIRST CORINTHIANS - CHAPTER 12
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What is the purpose for the manifestation of the Spirit to be given to each one?
_____. Verse _____
2. What parts of the body seem to be indispensable? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. Who was it that appointed first apostles, second prophets, etc.? _____ Verse _____
4. Who says, "Jesus be cursed"? _____ Verse _____
5. What does God combine and give special honor? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put T or F and the verse where you found your answer)

6. _____ All gifts are the same but there are different kinds of spirits.
7. _____ There should be no division in the body.
8. _____ There are 13 spiritual gifts mentioned in this chapter.
9. _____ Even though there is only one body there are many parts.
10. _____ God has arranged each part in the body just as he wants them to be.

YES OR NO

(Put Y or N and the verse where you found your answer)

11. _____ Could all of the Corinthians speak in tongues?
12. _____ Could a man have whatever gift he desired?
13. _____ When Paul says - "Its parts should have equal concern for each other." - is he talking about people?
14. _____ Did baptism make Jews and Gentiles into one body?
15. _____ Are the weaker parts of the body really indispensable?

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FIRST CORINTHIANS - CHAPTER 13
SHORT ANSWERS

1. In one word, what can keep a man from sounding like a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal? _____ Verse _____
2. What will cease? _____ What will be stilled? _____
What will pass away? _____ Verse _____
3. List the negative aspects of love: _____
_____ Verse _____
4. What three things will remain? _____ Verse _____
5. How many times does-LOVE-appear in this chapter? _____ Verses _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put T or F and the verse where you found your answer)

6. _____ No matter what you do, if you do not have love, you gain nothing.
7. _____ This chapter says that prophesies will cease, tongues will be stilled, and knowledge will pass away.
8. _____ Love never becomes angry.
9. _____ The man who thinks like a child and the man who refuses to see face to face are just alike.
10. _____ Imperfection is to prophesy in part, and perfection is to prophesy in full.

YES OR NO

(Put Y or N and the verse where you found your answer)

11. _____ Is Paul saying that there is a language of men and also a language of angels?
12. _____ Does Paul claim to have enough faith to move mountains?
13. _____ In your opinion is the "perfection" referring to the completed revelation of the Bible?
14. _____ What do you think; is Paul saying that speaking in tongues is childish?
15. _____ Will faith become sight; will hope be realized; leaving only love as the most lasting?

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FIRST CORINTHIANS - CHAPTER 14
SHORT ANSWERS

1. How are men strengthened, encouraged, and comforted? _____
_____ Verse _____
2. What advice does Paul give to those who desire spiritual gifts? _____
_____ Verse _____
3. What would Paul rather do than to speak in tongues? _____
_____ Verse _____
4. What does Paul say must be done for the strengthening of the church? _____
_____ Verse _____
5. To what is the spirit of a prophet subject? _____
_____ Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put T or F and the verse where you found your answer)

6. _____ Paul would rather have the Corinthians prophesy than speak in tongues.
7. _____ Paul says that those who pray in a tongue have unfruitful minds.
8. _____ Interpretation is as important as speaking in a tongue.
9. _____ No one else is edified when a man speaks in a tongue.
10. _____ Thinking like children and thinking like adults are related to speaking in tongues in this chapter.

YES OR NO

(Put Y or N and the verse where you found your answer)

11. _____ Does Paul say that when we pray, we should pray with our spirit and with our mind?
12. _____ Does Paul prohibit speaking in tongues?
13. _____ Is God the God of disorder?
14. _____ Does Paul say that he knows of a language that has no meaning?
15. _____ Is the purpose of tongues to be for a sign for unbelievers?

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4. Does this chapter contain promises to be received, commands to be obeyed or warnings to be heeded?

FIRST CORINTHIANS - CHAPTER 16
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What did Paul tell the Corinthians and the Galatians to do? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. Why did Paul not want to see the Corinthians at this time? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. Why did Paul want to stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. What men deserve recognition? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. In whose house did a Church meet? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put T or F and the verse where you found your answer)

6. _____ Paul said that he was coming to collect their offering and take it to Jerusalem.
7. _____ Paul was at Ephesus when he wrote this letter.
8. _____ Paul sent this letter by way of Timothy.
9. _____ Paul calls Apollos - brother.
10. _____ Paul encourages the greeting with a holy kiss.

YES OR NO

(Put Y or N and the verse where you found your answer)

11. _____ Was Paul going to appoint the men to carry the offering to Jerusalem?
12. _____ Was Timothy doing the same work as Paul?
13. _____ Is everything to be done in love?
14. _____ Did Paul write any of this letter himself?
15. _____ Does Paul pronounce a curse on anyone?

THINK FOR YOURSELF

16. What is the main theme of this chapter and why do you think so?
17. What is the key verse and why do you think so?
18. What did you learn from this chapter?

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY: (The following questions could be used in place of or in addition to the ones in the lessons for those who are more advanced in Bible knowledge.)

1. What does this chapter teach about Jesus?
2. What does this chapter teach about God?
3. What does this chapter teach about the Holy Spirit?
4. Does this chapter contain promises to be received, commands to be obeyed or warnings to be heeded?

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY - 1 CORINTHIANS - CHAPTER 1

1. In Acts 18 Paul went to Corinth and stayed there for some time. While he was there is there any mention that he laid hands on anyone to give the (miraculous) gifts of the Holy Spirit? Is it possible that in 1 Corinthians 1:6 the phrase "was confirmed in you" meant that Paul had laid his hands on them at that time?
2. In Acts chapter 19 Paul met about 12 men who knew only the baptism of John, what did Paul do when he found this out? What happened when Paul laid his hands on them? Did the gifts of the Holy Spirit come upon these men because Paul wanted them to? Consider Hebrews 2:4 when you answer.
3. We know that Paul was involved with the Christians at Corinth from the Book of Acts 18:19, but why is the name of Apollos mentioned? (See Acts 19 - when you answer)
4. Name the people who were baptized by Paul. Why so few? Who was Gaius? (See Introduction in Broadman Commentary)
5. Who looked for miraculous signs when Paul wrote this letter, and who looks for miraculous signs in our own day? In Matthew 12:38-39 how did Jesus respond to the Jews when they asked for a miraculous sign? How should we respond to those today who seek after a miraculous sign?
6. From what is written in this first chapter of 1 Corinthians, describe the Corinthians before they became Christians. See verses 26 and following.

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY - 1 CORINTHIANS 5

1. What kind of sexual immorality was the man in Corinth guilty of?
2. What were they to do with this sexually immoral couple? Why is it dangerous in a church (congregation) to leave such behavior alone and not deal with it? Does it show pride on the part of the leaders? Does it show weakness on the part of the leaders? Should such an action be taken openly or privately? What if an innocent party is involved, such as a wife or husband who is not involved in the actions of the guilty couple?
3. Does Paul say in this letter that Christians should never associate with sinful people? If that is not what he meant, what precautions should we take when we associate with sinners in the world?

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY - 1 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 7

1. Is there any reason that you can think of as to why Paul would suggest that everyone should stay unmarried even though it is not sinful to get married?
2. Is the rule that Paul lays down in all churches in verse 17 an indication that Christianity was NOT to be a force for political change? Does that mean that no political or social change will be brought about by the force of Christianity?
3. What conditions alter the advice about divorce given in verses 10 and 11?
4. What are the verses 32 through 35 talking about in this chapter? Does this mean that if a man does something wrong and violates his fiancé and they go ahead and get married, this is alright with Paul?
5. What is the length of any marriage? If it is for life, does that mean that a man who was married for many years to one woman and she dies, then, if he marries another woman, that he is now unfit to be an elder? (See the qualifications for an elder in 1 Timothy 1:2 where it says that an overseer must be the husband of but one wife.) Does this mean that he MUST BE MARRIED?