**An Outline of 1 Corinthians**

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1. Dealing with Following Human Wisdom (1:10–4:21)
2. An Opening Statement about Quarrels and Divisions (1:10–17)
3. Instructions concerning God’s Wisdom (1:18–2:16)
4. God’s Wisdom in the Cross (1:18–2:5)
5. God’s Wisdom and the Spirit (2:6–16)
6. Instructions concerning Human Wisdom (3:1–4:13)
7. The Consequences of Embracing Human Wisdom (3:1–4)
8. The Traits of Following Human Wisdom (3:5–4:13)
9. A Final Call to Reject Human Wisdom (4:14–21)
10. Dealing with Immorality, Arrogance, and Greed (5:1–6:20)
11. Treatment of Immorality and Arrogance (5:1–8)
12. God’s Judgment on Immorality (5:1, 2b–5, 6b–8)
13. God’s Judgment on Pride (5:2a, 6a)
14. Clarification about Dealing with Immorality (5:9–13)
15. Treatment of Greed (6:1–11)
16. Further Discussion concerning Immorality (6:12–20)
17. Answering Questions concerning Marriage (7:1–24)
18. Question 1: Is Intimacy Forbidden in Marriage (7:1–6)?
19. Question 2: Should I get Married if I am Single (7:7–9)?
20. Question 3: Should I Divorce my Spouse (7:10–16)?
21. Summative Principle: No Change in Status is Necessary to Serve God Well (7:17–24).
22. Answering Questions concerning Singleness (7:25–40)
23. Reasons to Remain Single (7:25–35)
24. Remain Single Because of the Present Crisis (7:25–28)
25. Remain Single Because of the Shortness of Time (7:29–31)
26. Remain Single to Avoid Divided Loyalties (7:32–35)
27. Allowances to Marry (7:36–40)
28. You *Can* Marry your Fiancé (7:36–38).
29. You *Can* Marry after your Spouse Dies (7:39–40).
30. Answering Questions concerning Idol Meat (8:1–11:1)
31. The Principle of Love: We must Love Others Even When we Know we’re Right (8:1–13).
32. The Principle of Sacrifice: We must be Willing to Disregard Personal Rights to Promote the Gospel (9:1–23).
33. The Principle of Self-Discipline: We must be Disciplined in our Choices (9:24–27).
34. The Principle of Caution: We must Avoid Overconfidence in Matters of Liberty (10:1–13).
35. The Principle of Flexibility: We must Strive to Relate Properly to God and Others in Matters of Liberty (10:14–30).
36. The Principle of Glorification: We must Glorify God in our Choices (10:31–11:1).
37. Dealing with Self-centeredness (11:2–34)
38. Selfishness with Headcoverings (11:2–16)
39. Selfishness at the Lord’s Table (11:17–34)
40. Answering Questions concerning Spiritual Gifts (12:1–14:40)
41. Introducing the Topic (12:1)
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44. The Importance of Love (13:1–13)
45. The Need for Control (14:1–40)
46. Dealing with Skepticism (15:1–58)
47. The Christian Faith rests on Christ’s Death and Resurrection (15:1–11).
48. The Christian Experience includes Hope in Bodily Resurrections (15:12–57).
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50. Answering Questions concerning Giving (16:1–9)
51. Answering Questions concerning Fellow Apostles (16:10–12)

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