**How to Live What You Believe**

Whole Bible Series

Sermon 42: 1 Corinthians

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**SERMON NOTES**

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| **Issue in Practice** | **Theological Response** |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ based on spiritual parentage / theology (1-4) | We are unified in one Christ! |
| Sexual misconduct being allowed and excused (5-7) | Your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are united with Christ and will be resurrected! |
| Arguments about eating food offered to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (8-10) | God is unique, so false gods don’t own food… but guard your witness. |
| Gatherings dominated by contention, confusion and disorder (11-14) | The Spirit gives gifts to *all* to be exercised in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Disagreements about the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (15) | Jesus resurrected, so believers can have hope! |

**Practical Lessons from 1 Corinthians**

1. Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is demonstrated in an inability to apply Scripture to real-life decisions

*Right theology is vitally important for right living!*

* 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a demonstration of spiritual immaturity (3:3)
  2. Spiritual babies tend to resort to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3:4)

1. Christian love should dominate our interactions
   1. It does not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rebellious living (5:9-13)
   2. It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ individualism (8:7-13)
   3. It defies social \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (11:17-22)
   4. It values others’ contributions (12)
   5. It treats people like Christ did (13)
   6. Its goal is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (14)
   7. It is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (16:20)

**Questions for Small Groups or Individual Study**

1. Read 1 Corinthians 13 in two different versions from the one you are most familiar with. Go back and pray through the chapter, asking God to reveal to you your own heart. Which aspect of love should be your primary focus for development?
2. Review the “Issues in Practice” section on the front of the handout. What modern-day parallels would you make with these issues? How does the corresponding “Theological Response” relate to the modern day issues?
3. Think of a person who excels in applying Scripture to everyday decisions (a spiritually-mature person). What habits or characteristics of this person are worthy of seeking to develop?
4. Read 8:7-13. In what ways to we tend towards individualism in our Christian walk? How does the body suffer when we live these ways?
5. Based on Paul’s example in 1 Corinthians, how would you respond to someone who said that theology wasn’t important, because it is all about loving Jesus?

**Prayer from 1 Corinthians:** “Thank you for teaching me how to live the life you provide. Please assist me by your Spirit as I learn to apply your Word to every part of my life.”

**Answers:** Divisions, **bodies,** idols, **harmony,** resurrection, **immaturity,** Divisiveness, **labels,** ignore, **confronts,** classes, **edification,** affectionate