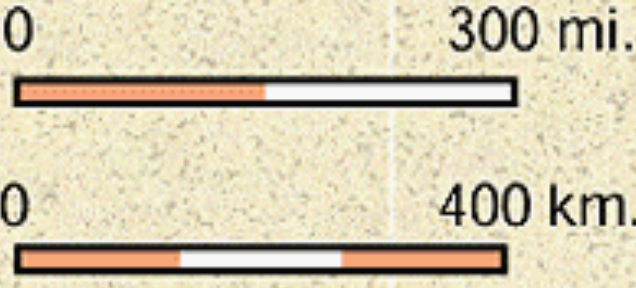


DO EVERYTHING WITH LOVE
All Your Things, Get Them Done in Love

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14; 13:4-8a



- Paul's third journey
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- Roman provincial boundaries







ACHAIA

Delphi

Corinth

Sparta

Athens

AEGEAN SEA

Corinth

- **Corinth** located on Isthmus of Corinth
- The **high sailor traffic** had a **cultural impact**
- **Corinth** had a reputation as a **very immoral city**
- **Idolatry** contributed to the **immorality** (**1000 priestesses-prostitutes** in **temple of Aphrodite**)
- A **Roman colony** – **political** & **commercial** center
- Proximity to Athens motivated a desire for status based on philosophy
- **Culture** at Corinth impacted the **church** greatly

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Sex in Marriage **7:1-24**

Whether to Marry **7:25-40**

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Cause: *“puffed up”* with **human wisdom 4:6,18**
Christ, His word is the **basis** for **unity 1:1-2:16**
Perspective on **teachers 3:1-3:9**
Warnings to teachers 3:10-4:21
Fornication Tolerated 5-6
Cause: *“puffed up”* **5:1-3**
Christ’s authority **basis** for **purity 5:4-13**
Not personal judging 6:1-8
Do not commit fornication 6:9-20

More Detailed Outline of **1 Corinthians**

Corinthians' Questions **7-16** "*Now concerning...*"

"It is good for a man not to touch a woman." **7:1-24**

Response: fulfill your marriage vows 7:2-11

Relationship remains when called 7:12-24

Can't force unbeliever to obey Christ 7:12-16

Don't end earthly relationships* 7:17-24

Virgins 7:25-40

Paul's judgment during distress 7:25-26,40

Marriage is optional 7:26-31

Marriage can be a distraction 7:32-35

Message to fathers about daughters 7:36-38

Same principle applies to widows 7:39-40

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Problem: *knowledge puffs up* **8:1b**

Knowledge without love harms brother 8:1-13

Solution: *love builds up* **8:1b**

Sacrifice rights → **help others spiritually 9:1-27**

Central Principle: "*I have become all things to all so that I by all means save some.*"

Principle exemplified 9:1-27

Principle applied to the issue 10:1-11:1

Principle applied to another issue 11:2-16

Corinthians' failure to apply it 11:17-34

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Corinthians' Questions 7-16 *"Now concerning..."*

Spiritual Gifts 12:1-15:58 *"do not be ignorant"*

Understand the **variety** of **gifts 12:1-31**

The **variety** of **gifts v.4-14,28-31**

Rebuking envious attitudes v.15-19

Rebuking independent attitudes v.20-26

Love is the *more excellent way* **13:1-13**

Gifts without love v.1-3

Description of love v.4-8a *"is not puffed up"*

Temporary gifts contrasted with abiding faith
and **hope** and **eternal love v.8b-13**

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Corinthians' Questions 7-16 "*Now concerning spiritual gifts*"

Understand the **use** of **spiritual gifts** **14:1-15:58**

Understanding is **necessary** to **produce**
edification **14:1-40**

how to **use gifts** in the **assembly** **14:26-35**

Consequence of **despising prophesying**
(ignorance about **resurrection**) **15:1-58**

Collection for the **Saints** **16:1-11**

Apollos **16:12**

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Let All that You Do Be Done in Love 16:14

- *Love suffers long* - long-tempered (1.3.4.5.)
- *and is kind* - makes itself useful (5.9.12.)
- *Love does not envy*; doesn't feel bad toward others who have what you wish you had (3.7.9.10.)
- *love does not parade itself*, - doesn't show off (1.2.5.6.7.8.9.10.)
- *is not puffed up*; - not proud (1.2.5.10.)
- *does not behave rudely*, - not inconsiderate (5.6.7.8.9.10.)
- *does not seek its own*, - not selfish (1.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10.12.)
- *is not provoked*, - not short-tempered (3.5.)
- *thinks no evil*; - doesn't hold a grudge (1.3.5.7.8.)

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- **does not rejoice in iniquity**, doesn't enjoy or approve of any lawlessness (2.6.11)
- **but rejoices in the truth**; speaks and lives what is true, especially the word of God (1.4.11.12.)
- **bears all things**, - tolerant and forgiving (3.4.5.)
- **believes all things**, - believes the best about people and situations till proven otherwise (1.5.11.)
- **hopes all things**, - optimistic that they will change for the better (3.11.)
- **endures all things**. - never gives up even when they haven't changed yet (4.5.)
- **Love never fails** - never ends, eternal, conquering and/or outlasting every problem (1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10.11.12.)

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Matthew 9:35–38 (NKJV)

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. ³⁶ But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, “**The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers *are* few.** ³⁸ Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”