



How to Enjoy Great Relationships

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1 Corinthians 1

Paul,

called as an apostle of Jesus Christ
by the will of God,

and

Sosthenes our brother,

²to the church of God which is at Corinth,

to those who have been sanctified

in Christ Jesus,

saints by calling,

with all who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
their *Lord* and ours:

³Grace to you and peace

from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always concerning you,

for the grace of God which was given you

in Christ Jesus,

⁵that in everything you were enriched

in Him,

in all speech and all knowledge,

⁶even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you,

⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift,

awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

⁸who shall also confirm you to the end,

blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹God is faithful,

through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

¹⁰Now

I exhort you, brethren,

by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

that

you all agree,

and

there be no divisions among you,

but

you be made complete

in the same mind

and

in the same judgment.

¹¹For

I have been informed concerning you, my brethren,
by Chloe's *people*,
that there are quarrels among you.

¹²Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying,
"I am of Paul,"
and "I of Apollos,"
and "I of Cephas,"
and "I of Christ."

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¹³Has Christ been divided?

Paul was not crucified for you, was he?

Or

were you baptized in the name of Paul?

¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you
except Crispus and Gaius,

¹⁵that no man should say you were baptized in my name.

¹⁶Now

I did baptize also the household of Stephanas;
beyond that,

I do not know whether I baptized any other.

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¹⁷For

Christ did not send me to baptize,

but to preach the gospel,

not in cleverness of speech,

that the cross of Christ should not be made void.

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¹⁸For

the word of the cross is

to those who are perishing

foolishness,

but

to us who are being saved it is

the power of God.

Great relationships develop through focusing on...

1. J _____

2. the sanctity of o _____ a _____

3. the word of G _____

4. the c _____ of Christ

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¹⁹For

it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
And the cleverness of the clever I will set aside."

²⁰Where is the wise man?

Where is the scribe?

Where is the debater of this age?

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹For

since

in the wisdom of God

the world through its wisdom did not *come to* know God,

God was well-pleased

through the foolishness of the message preached

to save those who believe.

²²For indeed

Jews ask for signs,

and

Greeks search for wisdom;

²³but

we preach Christ crucified,

to Jews a stumbling block,

and

to Gentiles foolishness,

²⁴but

to those who are the called,

both Jews and Greeks,

Christ

the power of God

and

the wisdom of God.

²⁵Because

the foolishness of God is wiser than men,

and

the weakness of God is stronger than men.