



The Solution

1 Corinthians 1 -13

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The solution for relationship problems

1. Focus on the heart of God and the sanctity of others

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

² to 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:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God always concerning you, for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, (1Cor 1:2-4)

2. Focus on God's words

1 Corinthians 1:10-12

¹⁰ Now 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.

¹¹ For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by Chloe's *people*, that there are quarrels among you.

¹² Now 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." (1Cor 1:10-12)

3. Focus on Christ and the cross

1 Corinthians 1:13-2:5

¹³ Has Christ been divided? (1Cor 1:13)

¹⁸ For 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. (1Cor 1:18)

²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness,

²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1Cor 1:23-24)

4. Seek God's wisdom through prayer

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God,

¹³ which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words*. (1Cor 2:12-13)

5. Repent of the real problem; worldly wisdom and arrogance

1 Corinthians 3

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to babes in Christ.

² I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able *to receive it*. Indeed, even now you are not yet able,

³ for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?

⁴ For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not *mere* men? (1Cor 3:1-4)

6. Serve one another as good stewards of God's truth

1 Corinthians 4

Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

² In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy. (1Cor 4:1-2)

7. Help each other - w_____ it takes

1 Corinthians 5:1-6:11

It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife.

² And you have become arrogant, and have not mourned instead, in order that the one who had done this deed might be removed from your midst. (1Cor 5:1-2)

⁶ Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump *of dough*? (1Cor 5:6)

8. Exemplify discipline and devotion and flee i_____

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹⁸ Flee immorality. Every *other* sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.

¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

²⁰ For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body. (1Cor 6:18-20)

9. E_____ singleness

1 Corinthians 7

it is good for a man not to touch a woman. (1Cor 7:1)

³² But I want you to be free from concern. One who is unmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord;

³³ but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his wife,

³⁴ and *his interests* are divided. And the woman who is unmarried, and the virgin, is concerned about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and spirit; but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

³⁵ And this I say for your own benefit; not to put a restraint upon you, but to promote what is seemly, and *to secure* undistracted devotion to the Lord. (1Cor 7:32-35)

10. Meet your spouse's n_____

1 Corinthians 7

³ Let the husband fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

⁴ The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does*.

⁵ Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again lest Satan tempt you because of your lack of self-control. (1Cor 7:3-5)

11. Sacrifice your r_____ to edify the weak

1 Corinthians 8

⁷ However not all men have this knowledge; but some, being accustomed to the idol until now, eat *food* as if it were sacrificed to an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

⁸ But food will not commend us to God; we are neither the worse if we do not eat, nor the better if we do eat.

⁹ But take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. (1Cor 8:7-9)

12. Sacrifice your r_____ to witness to the lost

1 Corinthians 9

¹² If others share the right over you, do we not more? Nevertheless, we did not use this right, but we endure all things, that we may cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ. (1Cor 9:12)

13. Flee i _____ and glorify God

1 Corinthians 10

¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. (1Cor 10:14)

³¹ Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

³² Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God;

³³ just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the *profit* of the many, that they may be saved. (1Cor 10:31-33)

14. Exemplify appropriate s _____

1 Corinthians 11:1-16

³ But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ. (1Cor 11:3)

15. S _____ food and the Lord's Supper together

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

²⁷ Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. (1Cor 11:26-28)

16. S _____ one another with your gifts

1 Corinthians 12

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.

⁵ And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.

⁶ And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all *persons*.

⁷ But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1Cor 12:4-7)

17. L _____ one another

1 Corinthians 13

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind, *and* is not jealous; love does not brag *and* is not arrogant,

⁵ does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong *suffered*,

⁶ does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never fails... (1Cor 13:4-8)