



The Solution

Part 2

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. Focus on God's words

1 Corinthians 1:10-12

3. Focus on Christ and the cross

1 Corinthians 1:13-2:5

4. Seek God's wisdom through prayer

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

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 - whatever 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 immorality.

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. Esteem 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 needs

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 rights 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 rights 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)

The Most Excellent Way

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

1 Corinthians 13:1 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

² And if I have *the gift of prophecy*, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

³ And if I give all my possessions to feed *the poor*, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

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; but if *there are gifts of prophecy*, they will be done away; if *there are tongues*, they will cease; if *there is knowledge*, it will be done away.

⁹ For we know in part, and we prophesy in part;

¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.

¹¹ When I was a child, I used to speak as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.

¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I shall know fully just as I also have been fully known.

¹³ But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.