

The First Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the CORINTHIANS

SOME call it foolish, but it is my power to live; My enrichment in knowledge and utterance it is. While the wisdom of this world is but foolish deceit. While the wise are confounded by things foolish and weak. Contentions are foolish; Put them from among you, this do. I am of Paul or of another; is Christ divided? Oh, no!

1 CORINTHIANS 1

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, ²to the church of God at Corinth; to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be saints, with all those who call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both ours and theirs:

³grace be to you and peace from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always on your behalf for the grace of God that is given to you by Christ Jesus,

⁵that you are enriched by Him in everything, in all utterance and in all knowledge,

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

⁷so that you come behind in no gift, waiting for the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord,

⁸who shall also confirm you unto this end; that you will be found blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus.

⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called unto the fellowship of Jesus Christ His Son.

¹⁰Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be joined together perfectly in the same mind and in the same justice.

¹¹For I have been informed by my brethren from the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

¹²Now I say, each of you say, "I am of Paul" and some, "I am of Apollos," and "I of Cephas" and "I of Christ."

¹³Is Christ divided at all?

Was Paul crucified for you?

Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you but for Crispus and Gaius alone,

¹⁵lest any should say that I had baptized in my own name.

¹⁶And I also baptized the household of Stephanus, but apart from these, I do not know whether I baptized any other,

¹⁷for Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.

¹⁸For the preaching of the cross sounds like foolishness to those who perish, but it is the power of God to us who are saved.

¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and will bring to nothing, the understanding of the prudent."

²⁰Now where is the wise?

Where is the disputer of this world?

And where is the scribe?

Has not God made the wisdom of this world foolish?

²¹For after that, in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom did not know God, therefore it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save those who believe.

²²For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom,

²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Greeks.

²⁴But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, it is Christ the power of God and Christ the wisdom of God,

²⁵because the foolishness of God is wiser than men's wisdom and His weakness stronger than men's strength.

²⁶For you see your calling, brethren, how that not many men wise after the flesh, not many mighty or noble, are called,

²⁷for God has chosen the foolish things of this world, to confound the wise,

and God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the mighty things likewise,

²⁸and God has chosen the base things of the world, and the things that are despised, and the things that do not exist in the physical, to humiliate the things that exist,

²⁹so that no flesh should glory in His presence.

³⁰But you are of Him, in Jesus Christ our Lord,

who of God is made wisdom to us, and righteousness, sanctification and redemption,

³¹that as it is written, "He who desires to glory, let him glory in the Lord, Jesus Christ and only in Him."

1. *There is no greater gift than grace; speak and prophesy grace over the people you love, over your nation and over your church.*
2. *To thank God continuously where others are concerned is to enter into God's care for their concern.*
3. *Tangible wealth is security and surety; your wealth in Christ is tangible; it may not be visible in your world but it is locked up in your words; you are enriched with all knowledge so speak your way to all your benefits in Christ.*
4. *The gifts of God are not short or limited but you can come short of it.*
5. *The channel of your calling does not invalidate the source of your call; you are called by God Himself into the fellowship of His Son Jesus.*
6. *We have one mind because we have one Head, Jesus, and His mind, the mind of Christ; one head means one mouth and one voice speaking one Word.*
7. *There is room for multiplication and addition but no room for division within the body since there is just one body; division comes from outside the body in an effort to divide and separate the body.*
8. *It is foolish to fight over His cloak and garment and ignore the Christ on the cross; even so it is foolish to divide the messengers and ignore the undivided and indivisible message.*
9. *The power of your message is not conveyed in the complexity of your words but in the efficacy of the spirit of your words.*
10. *Distraction reduces traction and diminishes effectiveness; understand your calling and focus.*
11. *The foolishness of the cross is the wisdom of perishing without accessing its power to be saved.*
12. *The wisdom of fools causes them to make foolish the wisdom of God; those who receive the foolishness of the message attain the wisdom of salvation.*
13. *Settle it with God because with God it is forever settled; the best of man's wisdom has never attained to God's folly, nor the strength of man to His weakness, nor the best of man to His worse.*
14. *The weak, base, despised and foolish are perfectly poised for selection and use by God to put to shame the elevated, celebrated and wise, so that His is the only story and before Him no flesh will glory.*
15. *With Jesus your wisdom, your righteousness, your sanctification and your redemption settles your history and reveals the mystery of the new you, so those who know you, will know you are not the old you they once knew.*
16. *Your story began at the cross; your glory is exhausted in the cross where His glory is exalted in you.*

PRAYER POINTS

- May the grace of God rest in my household; may my family shall walk in His grace daily every day of our lives. Amen.
- I thank You Father for breathing life and strength into every weak member of the body of Christ; thank You for the benefits You are loading them with today. Amen.
- I am a joint heir with Jesus according to the promises of Abraham; I live in blessings and abundance; I shall never lack. Amen.
- I refuse to come short of the gifts of God; Holy Spirit, I celebrate You; through You I will inherit all that is mine in Christ Jesus. Amen.

- My Father, my God, I will never question Your call on my life; thank You for the people who speak into my life, but my eyes are fixed on You. Amen.

**REVEALED by the Spirit,
That which my eyes have not seen;
The things the natural man does not know,
and what could have been.
For God prepares it and He shares it,
Though the ear has not heard,
To those who love Him and can discern
spiritual things,
Those with the mind of the Lord.
Revealed by the Spirit, not by excellent
speech,
Or with words that are enticing, but I come
as one who is weak.**

1 CORINTHIANS 2

- ¹And I, brethren, when I came to you, I did not come to you with excellency of speech nor of wisdom, declaring the testimony of God in your ears, ²for I determined among you not to know anything but Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness, and in much fear and much trembling; ⁴and my speech and my preaching also was not with enticing words or the wisdom of man, but in the demonstration of the Spirit, and of power. ⁵I came that your faith should not stand in any way in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. ⁶However, we speak wisdom among those who are perfect, yet not the wisdom of this world, nor that of the princes in this world, even the wisdom that comes to nothing, but we speak the word. ⁷We speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the world was created. This was done to our glory, ⁸which none of the princes of the world knew, for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But as it is written, "Eye has not seen, neither has the ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man, the things the Lord has prepared for those who love Him." ¹⁰But to us God has revealed these things, by His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, the deep things of God. ¹¹For what man knows the things of man save the spirit of man that lies in him? And no man knows the things of God, but the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God, that we might know the things that God freely

gives to us,

¹³which things we also speak, not in words taught by the human wisdom, but that which is taught by the Holy Spirit, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

¹⁴But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for to him they are foolishness;

neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

¹⁵But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet no man judges him.

¹⁶For who has known the mind of the Lord, so that he may instruct Him?

But we have the mind of Christ.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *It ends and starts with Jesus and His crucifixion; know Him and the cross and everything you do not need leaves you, so everything you need may find you.*
2. *The testimony of God is so profound it confounds wisdom and excellent oration; it needs no emphasis or decoration; it is self-declarative.*
3. *The revelation of your human weakness is the celebration of the strength you depend on. (The strength of God).*
4. *Demonstration, not declaration, is the greatest form of expression; words echo in the thoughts, demonstration registers it in writing on the heart.*
5. *When your faith is by the wisdom of man it will be confused by the world, when it is by the power of God, it responds to the word and confounds the world.*
6. *The wisdom of this age is the wisdom of a page; the hidden wisdom is found in the volume of the Book. The wisdom of this age rots with time, the wisdom of God mysteriously rocks with time and rocks time; it is ageless and timeless and leaves the rulers of this world clueless.*
7. *They crucified the Lord of glory because they did not stop to understand His story; they placed Him below the earth because the wisdom was above and beyond earth.*
8. *The wisdom of God cannot be read or researched but must be revealed.*
9. *The things of God are entrusted to the Spirit of God in man, but excluded from the spirit of man.*
10. *Walk with the Spirit and in the Spirit; have fellowship with the Spirit; everything you need from God is deposited in the Spirit and received through the Spirit of God.*
11. *Delusion compares spiritual things with natural things; by revelation you compare spiritual things with spiritual.*
12. *Spiritual things are concealed wisdom and revealed foolishness to the natural man who lacks revelation.*
13. *The mind of Christ is the Holy Spirit who we have in us.*

PRAYER POINTS

- My Jesus, my Lord, I choose to know You and Your suffering; I will be a recipient of the full benefits of Your work on the cross. Amen.
- Holy Spirit, let the testimony of God settle the hearts of unbelievers, in the name of Jesus.
- Father, I am nothing apart from You; You are the strength I lean on. Amen.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I call believ-

ers to put their faith on display, in the name of Jesus.

- Most high God; make me an effective witness for Christ. Amen.

LABORING together with God,
Building with precious stones
On foundations everlasting that Christ
Himself has laid down.

Feeding men with milk and seeing them
grow.

Some men watering while some men sow.

Building the temple of our God on high,
If men defile it; it will be destroyed.

It pays to know men need to grow.

No need to glory; all things are yours.

1 CORINTHIANS 3

¹And brethren, to you I could not speak as unto spiritual but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

²I have not fed you with meat but with milk, for to this moment you were not able to bear it,

neither are you now able as yet to bear it,

³for you are carnal. For whereas there is among you envying and war, strife and divisions;

are you not yet carnal and walk as men?

⁴For while one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "Of Apollos," are you not carnal then?

⁵Who then is Paul and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom you have believed, as the Lord gave to every man?

⁶I have planted, Apollos watered, but it was God who gave the increase.

⁷So then, neither is he who plants anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.

⁸Now he who plants and waters is one.

There is a reward for every man which he shall receive, according to his own labor.

⁹We are laborers together with God.

You are God's husbandry; you are God's building,

¹⁰according to the grace of God given to me as a wise master builder.

I have laid the foundation and another builds on it.

Let every man take heed how he builds on it,

¹¹for no other foundation can any one lay than that already laid, which is Jesus.

¹²Now if any one builds on this foundation gold, silver or precious stones, wood, hay or stubble,

¹³every one's work will be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because fire shall reveal it.

And the fire shall test every one's work to show of what sort it is.

¹⁴If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he shall receive a reward;

¹⁵if any man's work shall be burnt, he shall suffer loss,

but he himself shall be saved by fire, in that day.

¹⁶Do you not know you are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you?

¹⁷If any man defiles the temple of God, God shall destroy him, for the temple of God is holy, whose temple you are.

¹⁸Let no man deceive himself at any time; if any man among you seems to be wise in this world,

let him become a fool that he may be wise therefore,

¹⁹for the wisdom of the world is foolishness with God.

For it is written, "He takes the wise in his own craftiness."

²⁰And again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise that they are vain."

²¹Let no man glory in men, therefore.

Why glory? For all things are yours,

²²whether Paul, Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come, all are yours,

²³and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Salvation is equivalent to safety but not maturity; maturity is powered by the process of growth.
2. From birth you clean, you wipe, you look over, you over look, you support with the expectation that time brings maturity, which brings independence; for the spiritual birth, time in God's presence brings maturity, but it increases dependence on the presence and on the Holy Spirit.
3. The best of labor without the blessing of God is the worst of failure.
4. Never elevate the instruments used above the instructor; you never attribute a crop to the tools but to the farmer.
5. Every gift within the body is independently united, working for the reward from the same source.
6. Every worker in the body works in the field of souls and the building of the body based on his grace for the assignment given.
7. Exertion without grace is frustration; exertion with grace is joyful execution and effortless fulfillment. You may be graced for an assignment or task, but if you step out of alignment you are graced for frustration and failure.
8. Diligent, determined, sacrificial ministry and Christian living recognizes how solid, perfect and sacrificial the foundation laid by Jesus is, that we are building on.
9. A heart that truly recognizes the foundation laid for the church spares no time, resources or effort to magnify the foundation by the building they build on it.
10. Your work will endure just as your salvation if your sacrifice is as extravagant and endearing as the working of your salvation.
11. Your work on earth not just passes, it will be pressured to determine if it can be preserved or burnt.
12. As with Solomon's temple, so with your bodies; defilement leads to destruction; defile His temple, your body, you violate Him; He destroys the body.
13. The demonstration of true wisdom is to let go of

your own wisdom and to elevate and embrace the foolishness of His wisdom.

14. *Your only boast in men is really a brag on what they are stewarding on your behalf and a brag in your unlimited resources in your God.*

15. *You appreciate the rich for their stewarding of your resources not for their ownership of it. You appreciate ministers for their stewardship of God's ministry but never elevate them above the God of their ministry.*

PRAYER POINTS

- By the Holy Spirit and Fire, I speak growth to the body of Christ; let the spirit of stagnancy be driven away from the life of believers. Amen.
- I speak love for the presence of God into the hearts of new converts and believers who are not progressing in the faith. Amen.
- My Father, my God, I will do nothing unless You bless it; unless You go with me I will not go. Amen.
- Thank You Father for all the persons You have placed in my life to bless me; You are an awesome God; I rest at Your feet. Amen.
- Thank You Jesus, for all the gifts within the body; perfect the church by Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

**NOT in word but in power,
In love and in spirit meek;
Think of no man above what is written,
That good and faithful stewards they be.
So that you may be strong and that you
may be wise, we have been weak and fools
for Christ.
That you may have honor, we are despised.
Good stewards... and, yes, we bless al-
though we are reviled.**

1 CORINTHIANS 4

¹Let man account for us, as of the ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

²Moreover, of stewards it is required that a person be found faithful.

³But now this is a very small thing to me, that I should be judged of you or of man's judgment.

I judge my own self, yes I judge me;

⁴for I know nothing of myself, yet I am not hereby justified, for he who judges me is the Lord.

⁵Therefore judge nothing before the time until the Lord comes who will bring to light the hidden things of darkness

and will make manifest the counsels of the heart,

and then shall every man have praise of the Lord.

⁶And brethren, all these things I have figuratively transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes,

that you may learn in us, not to think of men above that which is written,

that none of you be puffed up one against another.

⁷For who makes you to differ from another person?

And what do you have that you have not re-

ceived?

If you did receive it, why glory then, as if you have not received it?

⁸Now you are full, now you are rich; you have reigned as kings without us.

And I would to God that you did reign, that we also might reign with you.

⁹For I think that God has sent us the apostles forth lastly, as it were appointed to death.

For we are made a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men the same.

¹⁰We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ.

We are weak, but you are strong; you are honorable, while we are despised.

¹¹Even to this hour we thirst and we hunger both; we are naked and we are buffeted, and we have no certain dwelling place.

¹²We labor working with our hands.

Being reviled, we bless and we suffer persecutions.

¹³Being defamed, we entreat.

We are made as the filth of the world, and as the off-scouring of all things, even to this very day.

¹⁴I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but as my beloved sons I warn you.

¹⁵For though you have ten thousand instructors in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Jesus Christ I have begotten you through the gospel that I preach.

¹⁶Therefore I now beseech you that you be followers of me.

¹⁷For this cause I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved son and faithful in the Lord,

who will bring you into remembrance of my way which is in Christ, that you know, as in every church I teach.

¹⁸There are some who are puffed up as though I would not come to you.

¹⁹But I will come to you shortly, that is, if the Lord wills,

and we will know then not the speech, but the power of those who are puffed.

²⁰For the kingdom of God is not in words that are spoken, but in power and in demonstration.

²¹Would you that I come to you with a rod, or in the spirit of meekness and also in love?

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *The mystery of God is divinely entrusted to those who will be faithful with it; what qualifies them is their pursuance of the presence of God and their faithfulness.*
2. *The core principles of stewardship are accountability and faithfulness.*
3. *True and perfect praise comes from God who knows everything that is hidden in darkness and in the hidden corridors of the heart.*
4. *Differences are meant to unite rather than divide; it creates a need for each other rather than a cause to boast against each other.*
5. *If we did not create it, or originate it, although we celebrate it we cannot use it to elevate ourselves*

above the people who are the primary reason we were entrusted with it in the first place.

6. *The heart of a true servant is to see others elevated on their backs, celebrated on their sweat, enriched by their sacrifices and tears, victorious in their defeat, reigning on the throne of their sacrifices, weaknesses and lack.*
7. *Apostleship is a position of honor, but may not necessarily be an honorable proposition: you may be condemned to death and a spectacle to angels and men.*
8. *Ministry may not always be honored, respected and desired, but it is always right and rewarding; it may not always be the preferred position, but it is always the perfect one.*
9. *Being fools for Christ is wiser than all wisdom; being weak for others is the greatest display of strength.*
10. *When your dishonor is to honor Christ, and your sacrifice is to be like Christ, and to work with Christ; the reality of your sacrifice is just a perception that underscores heaven's reception and regard for you.*
11. *It does not matter who berates you, as long as heaven celebrates you; it does not matter how much you sacrifice, as long as heaven reaps the rewards of your sacrifice.*
12. *Live above the reproach so that you can be respected; maintain high and consistent standards of faith so you can be imitated.*
13. *You know your walk is blameless when it is aligned with the word and you can consistently tell the world, 'Follow me to find Christ'.*
14. *The kingdom of God is only seen when it is demonstrated, not articulated.*
15. *Your word speaks of potential but the kingdom is practical; your word is kingdom when it releases and unleashes power.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Loving Father, open the storehouse of Your mysteries to me; teach me how to diligently treasure and manage them. Amen.
- King of glory, make me a good steward of spiritual and physical things. Amen.
- I refuse to elevate myself; I want You to know me Father; I live for Your eyes. Amen.
- Marvelous Lord, help us to appreciate the differences of others and to recognize how richer our world is because of them. Amen.
- Holy God, speak humility into the hearts of everyone You have endowed with great blessings. Amen.

THERE is a burning light within you
Searching, sifting, judging self;
To deliver the ungodly to Satan
For the destruction of the flesh,
That their spirit may be revived.
I do not speak of the world,
But the brothers who are in Christ
Right here in the church.

1 CORINTHIANS 5

¹It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

²And you are puffed up and have not rather

mourned

that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you.

³For I truly, as absent in the body, but present in the spirit,

have already judged as though being present concerning him who has done this deed.

⁴In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, with my spirit and the power of Jesus Christ our Lord,

⁵to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh,

that in the day of the Lord Jesus the spirit may be saved.

⁶Your glorying is not good; don't you know that a little leaven leavens the whole?

⁷Therefore purge the old leaven out that you may be a new lump as you are leavened, as Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

⁸Let us keep the feasts, therefore, not with old leaven or leaven of malice, nor leaven of wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

⁹I wrote to you that you should not keep company with fornicators.

¹⁰But I do not mean altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous or extortionist or with idolaters,

or else you would have to go out of the world. ¹¹But now I have written to you not to keep company with any man who is called a brother,

who is a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, a drunkard, or if he is an extortionist.

Do not eat with such a person.

¹²Now what matter do I have judging those who are outside the faith?

Do you not judge those who are within?

¹³Those who are outside are judged by God; therefore, put from among you that wicked person within.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Whatever is done among you is not independent of you; it must be addressed by you.*
2. *Sexual immorality in any form does not support mortality; it is sin and sin is death.*
3. *Open despising and abhorrence for the word of God is revolting and dangerous.*
4. *Name yourself and blame yourself, or rather, take responsibility for you will be named with and blamed for everything that is done among you; get on your knees in the fear of the Lord and find the heart of God.*
5. *Drastic action in addressing deviation may lead to repentance; necessary pain is for their gain; correction may be painful but never penal.*
6. *Make repentance, rehabilitation and restoration the sole matters for you to target, for the soul matters.*
7. *Holding on to a little of the old man with a lot of grace is a lot of corruption; embracing a little sin*

in a redeemed body is a lot of judgment.

8. *The influence you subject yourself to is the influence that subjects you to its own judgment.*
9. *The blood purges the old leaven of all its sinful ingredients; sincerity and truth prepares the new leaven for its holy appointment.*
10. *You are in the world to save the world so you cannot escape the world, but if the world is in you, you cannot escape its judgment and if the world is in believers in church, escape their company.*
11. *No one is as cryptic and treacherous as hypocrites who contradict their own conviction and commitment; steer clear of them.*

PRAYER POINTS

- My Father, my God; I refuse to shut my eyes and close my ears to the things done around me; I take responsibility as I tremble in fear before You. Amen.
- Let the fire of the living God burn against sexual immorality in the church; let conviction and repentance visit us, in the name of Jesus.
- Merciful Father, I love Your word; forgive every stubborn heart that scoffs at Your word. Amen.
- God of Love, let every deviant behavior among believers be arrested by Your Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus.
- Power to correct with wisdom and without fear, fall upon those charged with governance in the body of Christ. Amen.

MY body is God's temple,
I am no longer mine;

With a great price He bought me;

In one spirit with Christ I am joined.

Flesh and meat, fornication and greed,

I can have and do at any time;

But I will not be brought under their power

Or defraud or wrong my brother;

I am bought with a price.

1 CORINTHIANS 6

¹How dare any of you, having a matter against another,

go to law before the unjust and not before the saints and brothers?

²Do you not know that the saints shall judge the world?

And if you shall judge the world, are you unworthy therefore to judge the smallest matters?

³Do you not know that we shall judge angels? Then how much more the things that pertain to this life?

⁴If you have judgment, therefore, of things that pertain to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed in the church to judge?

⁵I speak this to your shame.

Is it that there is no wise man among you?

Not one who is able to judge among his brethren?

⁶But brother goes to war with brother, and that before unbelievers.

⁷Now, therefore, there is utterly a fault there among you,

because you take each other to court.

Why do you not rather take wrong?

Why do you not suffer yourselves rather to be defrauded by your brother?

⁸No, but you do wrong and defraud each other.

⁹Do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?

Do not be deceived, neither fornicators, nor idolaters, effeminate nor adulterers, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

¹⁰nor drunkards, covetous, neither thieves, nor revilers, nor extortioners shall inherit the kingdom of God.

¹¹And such were some of you; but you are washed, but you are sanctified, but you are justified, everyone, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

All things are lawful to me, but not all things are expedient.

¹²All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

No, to the control of none will I release myself.

¹³Meats for the belly and the belly for meat; God will destroy it and them both.

Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

¹⁴And God has both raised up the Lord, and by His own power will raise us up likewise.

¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?

Shall I then take Christ's members and make them members of a harlot?

¹⁶God forbid! What, do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For He says, "Two shall be one flesh."

¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord is one Spirit.

¹⁸Therefore, flee fornication.

Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits fornication sins against his body.

¹⁹What! Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which you have of God, and you are not your own?

²⁰For you are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's and Christ's.

CWDS Bible Quotes

- Family matters and therefore it matters that family matters are kept among the family; anything taken outside the family is irreparable family division.*
- You may consider it private but it is never personal, the church is the name, the body is blamed.*
- You cannot disconnect the body from a personal matter within the body; the case will be called Christ and Christians; be careful to preserve the body in dealing with a malady in the body.*
- Maturity in the body is displayed by its ability to speak with discernment on any matter concerning the body; it is also the willingness of the members to let the mind of Christ settle the matter.*

- Divisive members are no angels; it may be easier to judge fallen angels than to engage difficult brethren. Fallen angels must obey the voice of authority, difficult brethren contemplate it.*
- It is best to accept the wrong than to use your right to wrong the church and its ministry efforts.*
- It does not matter how affected you are, never be so infected that you are willing to subject unbelievers to your infectious internal division.*
- The price you pay for reaching sinners may not just be your willingness to go, or your resources in sending, it is also your sacrifice in dealing with personal internal matters responsibly.*
- Who you were, is history; it is reference only and not present or preference; who you are is a mystery unraveling.*
- Not because you have power over it means it is permissible or it should be permitted, not because you can means you should; if you have power to do it, you have power to restrain.*
- You cannot tame fornication, chain, change or convert fornication; it changes you, shames and chains you, and takes you away from the Lord.*
- You may use arguments to justify sexual immorality and perversion, but it will be judged just as the word of God says; your arguments will only justify your judgment.*
- There is no casual sex; every joining in sexual immorality is the permanence of marriage recognized by heaven.*
- You cannot distance Christ from your private act of sin; your body is His; He is present in you and an offended witness to every evil act you engage the body in.*
- Be careful how you perceive the Holy Spirit you host; be ever conscious He is within; be careful not to grieve Him.*
- Do not see how close you can get to sin without sinning; see how far you can stay from sin; flee.*
- If you live on the fence you are one step, one moment of drowsiness, away from falling over.*
- Do not steal what belongs to another for selfish use and for your personal gratification; your body and your spirit belong to God, first by creation and again by redemption.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Holy Spirit, restrain believers who are offended by fellow believers; let them not become an offense to heaven, in the name of Jesus.
- Jesus, You love the church greatly with all its faults and failure; perfect us in Your Holy ways. Amen.
- I speak responsible behavior into the hearts of every believer so they will not corrupt the witness of their congregation. Amen.
- Let maturity define every congregation in the body of Christ; let the wisdom and counsel of God rest in the hearts of believers. Amen.
- By the captive power of the Holy Spirit, I speak humility and submission into the hearts of every divisive member in the church. Amen.

YOU will be single. Go on and be happy; To please the Lord you daily yearn. Cannot contain yourself? Go on and marry; It is better to marry than to burn. If you are called being a servant, Rejoice; the Lord has set you free. If you are called being a free person, It is time to serve the Lord relentlessly.

1 CORINTHIANS 7

¹Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me, it is good for a man not to touch a woman.
²Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and every woman her own husband.
³Let the husband render due benevolence to the wife, and likewise the wife to the husband.
⁴The wife does not have power over her own body, but the husband, and likewise, the husband does not have power over his own body, but his wife.
⁵Do not deprive each other, except with consent for a time that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer, and come together again as you decide, that Satan does not tempt you because of your inability to exercise control.
⁶But I speak this by permission and not by God's command,
⁷for my wish is that all men were as myself. But every man has his proper gift of God, one after this manner and another after the next.
⁸Unto the unmarried and widows, I therefore say: it is good for them that they so abide, even as I,
⁹but if they cannot contain themselves let them marry, for it is better to marry than to burn.
¹⁰And to the married I command, yet the Lord and not I, do not permit the wife to depart from the husband,
¹¹but and if she departs, let her remain unmarried, or let her be reconciled to her husband; and do not permit the husband to put his wife away.
¹²But to the rest I speak, and not the Lord: if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, yet she desires to dwell with him, let him not put her away.
¹³And the woman with a husband who is an unbeliever, and he desires to remain with her, let her not leave the husband then;
¹⁴for the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband, or else the children would be unclean; but they are holy.
¹⁵If the unbelieving depart, let him leave; in these cases a brother or sister is not bound. But God has called us to peace.
¹⁶What do you know, oh, wife, whether you shall save your husband?
Or how do you know, oh, man, whether you shall save your wife?
¹⁷But as God has distributed to every man, and the Lord has called everyone, so let him walk, so let him stand.

And as I ordain in all the churches:
¹⁸is any man called being circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised.
And is any called being uncircumcised? Then let him not be circumcised.
¹⁹Circumcision and un-circumcision is nothing, but rather to keep the commandments of God.
²⁰Let every man abide in the calling in which he is called.
²¹Are you called being a servant? Do not bother about it at all. But if you may be made free, use it rather then;
²²for he who is called in the Lord, yet being a servant, is the Lord's free man. Likewise also he who is called, yet he is free, is Christ's servant.
²³You are bought with a price; therefore, do not be the servants of men.
²⁴Brethren, with God let every man abide in the calling in which he is called.
²⁵Now concerning virgins, I do not have commandment of the Lord for them. Yet I give my judgment as one who has obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful myself.
²⁶I suppose therefore that this is good for the present distress, that it is good for a man to remain single,
²⁷but if he is bound to a wife, do not seek to be divorced.
Are you loosed from a wife? Do not seek a wife,
²⁸but, and if you marry, you have not sinned. And if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Nevertheless, such shall have trouble in the flesh; but I will not burden you with this!
²⁹I say, brethren, that the time is short; it remains that both those who live with wives shall be as though they had no wives at all.
³⁰And those who weep as though they never wept.
And those who rejoice as though they never rejoiced.
And those who buy as though they never possessed.
³¹And those who use this world as not abusing this right, for the fashion of this world passes away.
³²But I would have you to be without this care. He who is unmarried and so remains cares for the things that pertain to the Lord, how he may please the Lord.
³³But he who is married cares for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.
³⁴There is also a difference between the virgin and the wife. The unmarried woman cares for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy, both in her body and in her spirit. But the married woman cares for the things that pertain to this world, how she may please her husband.

³⁵I speak this for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is proper, and that you may attend to the Lord without distraction.

³⁶If any man thinks he behaved himself improperly towards his virgin daughter in her youth,

if she is old enough and she needs then, what he desires let him do; he does not sin; let her marry.

³⁷Nevertheless, he who stands steadfast in his heart, having power over his own will and not of necessity, and in his heart has decreed also that he will keep his virgin daughter, does well in that.

³⁸So that he who gives her to marriage does well, but know that he who does not give her to marriage, he does better himself.

³⁹The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband lives, but if her husband is dead, she is at liberty to be married to whoever she desires, but only in the Lord.

⁴⁰Yet know, she is happier if she so abides after my judgment.

And I think, though, that I have the Spirit of God.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Marriage is made in heaven but practiced and portrayed on earth; it may not always engage desire but it must always embrace commitment.*
2. *Marriage is to relinquish control of your body to relish the partnership of another; failure to release the body in marriage is caused by lack of understanding and stubbornness.*
3. *Long-distance relationships may be a common thing but it is defrauding; fasting by consent is the only legitimate reason for the absence of ongoing intimacy.*
4. *Physical distance of relationships creates distances in relationship that may be irreconcilable; it gives the devil an opportunity to create distractions and deviation.*
5. *You may have a burning reason to get married but it must not burn away your wisdom in selecting, praying for, and waiting for the right spouse.*
6. *Your marriage vow is for life and denies the right for a second choice unless death divides.*
7. *Divorce is not an option; it is deviation from the law of forgiveness and reconciliation.*
8. *Your unbelieving spouse is not your license to cop out, but an opportunity to show out the Christ in you. Choose lifestyle evangelism rather than life's popular style of separation and divorce.*
9. *Your calling to peace may require a demonstration in your home rather than: the revocation of your marriage, a revision of your family and a renovation of your home.*
10. *You are tasked with your home and with your children; holiness is an ever-present potential that resides in you.*
11. *Your household may become a place of rescue before it becomes a place of rest; be active, proactive and persistent.*
12. *Your state in life is no reflection of your status in Christ; when your state of mind equates with your status in life you will walk with dignity in*

your calling.

13. *You are free to serve in whatever state you are when you understand you are bound to Christ and bound to serve in His freedom.*
14. *Bondage to Christ is complete freedom, it makes you content in any condition or state you are in life; freedom in sin is complete bondage, it makes you miserable even in life's best estate.*
15. *Your agitation to get married will lead to your frustration in marriage unless you attend to your comfort and peace with yourself in singleness.*
16. *Marriage may address your marital status but it cannot address your mental status; unless you learn to live with yourself you are not ready to live with another.*
17. *Marriage will complicate your problem if you seek to use marriage to resolve your problems and to complete you.*
18. *You cannot elevate your focus to this world for its form is passing away; enjoy the things of this world but do not enshrine them for the world itself will not endure time.*
19. *Your spouse should be attractive to you but should never be a distraction to remove you from God.*
20. *Your commitment to care for each other in marriage should be built on a commitment to jointly carry the cross together.*
21. *Anything that diverts or distracts your attention from the Lord is a distraction; marriage should amplify your service and devotion not divert it.*
22. *Power over your own will makes you ready for marriage; you may be ready for the procession, but you are mentally unstable when marriage becomes your obsession.*
23. *Death releases a woman to marry again, but it does not break her marriage to Christ; wisdom and responsibility holds her bound to marry in the Lord.*
24. *A believer marrying an unbeliever is as conflicting and precipitous as a united team serving two viciously opposing and actively instructing masters; it is as uncomplicated as trouble.*

PRAYER POINTS

- I speak life into every failing marriage in this nation; let commitment override emotions to bridge peace. Amen.
- I speak divine rebuke to the spirit causing anyone to hold back their bodies in marriage. Amen.
- Open the doors Father, for every marriage that has to endure long periods of long distance separation to be united permanently. Amen.
- Spirit of greed, be driven from our marriages; let every excuse for distance and separation be disbanded in the courts of heaven. Amen.
- Wisdom in selecting spouses, rest in the hearts of unmarried believers today; I drive away every anxiety to be married, in the name of Jesus.

TO hold, to love, to know, to grow;
If you love God, to Him you are known.
We are all of God and in His hold,
And all by Jesus who loves us so.
Do not let the things that you know
Cause the weak to stumble and to lose
hope,
For love edifies and, even so,
Will cause men to know, to hold, to love,
to grow.

1 CORINTHIANS 8

¹As touching things offered to idols, we all have knowledge;

knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.

²If any man thinks he knows anything, he knows nothing yet, as he ought to know.

³But if any man loves God, of Him that man is known.

⁴As concerning the eating, of things offered to idols in sacrifice,

we know that an idol is nothing in this world and there is no other God but One alone.

⁵For though there exist those who are called gods whether in heaven or on earth, and there are many gods and many lords,

⁶but to us there is one God, the Father of all, of whom are all things and we in Him.

And one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by Him;

by Him we live and stand.

⁷However, this knowledge is not in every man, for some, ever conscious of the idols, eat things offered to an idol and because their conscience is weak, their conscience is defiled.

⁸But meat does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we better and if we do not eat, we are not any worse.

⁹But take heed lest by any means you become a stumbling block to those who are weak, by your liberty.

¹⁰For if any man sees you, who has knowledge, in the idols' temple sitting and eating, shall not the conscience of the weak be emboldened to eat things offered to idols?

¹¹And through your knowledge and insensitivity, the weak brother perish for whom Christ died?

¹²But when you sin against your brethren, and wound their weak conscience, this sin that you do is against Christ.

¹³Therefore, if meat makes my brother to offend and to sin,

I will not eat meat while the world stands, lest I make my brother to offend and lose his hold.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. Knowledge sets you apart, but not above each other; love positions you below to edify and to elevate.
2. Your love for God is never unnoticed, it announces you in the courts of God and gives you privileged access; He knows you.
3. Idolatry is defined as giving up everything for nothing; exhausting your time and resources on exasperation; replacing substance with futility.
4. One cannot be divided into a whole or anything wholesome; there is only one God who created everything and yet nothing without our Lord Jesus Christ.
5. Food cannot defile your holy body, but your conscience can defile your food and make it unholy.
6. If you live your life for Christ who lived unselfishly for others, you will never allow your freedom to be the cause of someone else's bondage.
7. You cannot love your neighbor as yourself if any of your actions cause your neighbor to stumble or

to lose their salvation.

8. You invalidate your witness if you send the wrong message however valid.

9. You idolize your ego if you disregard another person's weakness to satisfy your ego.

PRAYER POINTS

- Righteous Father, let the spirit of pride find no place in my heart. Amen.
- I love You Father, with all my heart, my soul, and my mind; my passion is to pursue You. Amen.
- Holy Father, I refuse to put anything before or above You; I refuse to foolishly waste my time with idols. Amen.
- My Father my God, You are one; and I will serve You undividedly. Amen.
- I sprinkle my conscience with the blood of Jesus. Marvelous Lord, I will walk before You always with a free conscience. Amen.

ALORD to some, winning some to the Lord therefore.

Servant to all that I may win some more. All things to all men, if only some to gain, Adjusting, adapting, to the circumstances they are in.

To the lawless an outlaw, yet within Christ, striving for mastery and an incorruptible prize.

Not chargeable to any, though I know my rights;

He who preaches the gospel should be sustained thereby.

1 CORINTHIANS 9

¹Am I not an apostle? Am I not free?

Is it that our Lord Jesus Christ I have not seen?

Are you not my work and labor in the Lord?

²If I am not an apostle therefore to others, yet to you I am, without a doubt, for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

³This is my answer to those who examine me:

⁴have we not power to drink, also to eat?

⁵Have we not power to take along a sister as wife, as well as other apostles and other brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?

⁶Or I alone, and Barnabas, have we not power to forbear working?

⁷Tell me who goes to war at any time at his very own expense?

Who does not eat of the fruits of the vineyards that he plants?

Or feeds a flock and does not drink of the milk thereof?

⁸Do I speak as a man in these things or does not the Law also say the same?

⁹For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treads the grain."

Does God take care of the oxen in that way, or

¹⁰does He say it altogether for our sakes?

For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope always.

And he who threshes in hope should be par-

taker of his hope also.

¹¹If we have sown to you spiritual things, and we should reap your carnal things, is it such a great thing?

¹²If others are partakers of this power over you, are we not rather to partake more? Nevertheless, this power we have not exercised, but suffer all things lest we should hinder the gospel.

¹³Do you not know that those who minister about holy things, of the things of the temple they live?

And those who wait at the altar, are partakers with the altar?

¹⁴Even so the Lord has ordained that those who preach the gospel, should be sustained by the gospel.

¹⁵But none of these things have I used or claimed, neither have I written any of these things, that it should be so done to me.

For it is better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void;

¹⁶for though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory, for to me it is a necessity.

Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

¹⁷For if I do this thing willingly, I will be paid. But if I should go against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed to me.

¹⁸What shall my reward then be?

But that when I preach the gospel to all, I may make the gospel of Christ without any charge,

that I do not abuse my power in the gospel!

¹⁹For though I am free from all men, yet this I do,

I have made myself a servant to all, that I may gain the more; my aim is more souls.

²⁰To the Jews, I became a Jew to gain the Jews, reaching out to every man.

To those under the law, I was as if under the law, just to gain those under the law, yes doing my all.

²¹To those who are outside the law, as having no law, but tactful though being not without the law, to God,

but I was under the law of Christ throughout; all this to gain those who are outside the law.

²²To the weak I became weak that I may gain the weak.

I am made all things to all men that I might by all means save some of them.

²³And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may partake with you.

²⁴Do you not know that all run in a race, but one receives the prized first place? So run that you might receive.

²⁵And everyone who strives for mastery, is temperate in all things.

They do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we, an incorruptible one.

²⁶I therefore so run and not with uncertainty; I fight, not as one who beats the air with their hands,

²⁷but I keep my body in check and bring it

into subjection,

lest that by any means, when I have preached to others,

I myself should be a castaway.

Reaching out, reaching in; out to all men, in to me.

CWDS Bible Quotes

- 1. You should not place confidence in status or title, but in the strength of your work; let the evidence and not the arrogance speak for you.*
- 2. There is ration for every worker, provision for every vision and purpose, and a consignment from heaven for every assignment on earth. Heaven provides for its ambassadors through its people in the earth.*
- 3. Ministry must care and provide for ministers; they minister heaven's wealth to you; you minister earth's resources to them.*
- 4. Provide for your ministers in love rather than speak against their provision with grudge.*
- 5. Your tithes and offering is heaven's demand; provision of ministers is heaven's command.*
- 6. The heart of real ministers is in the heat of ministering and tied to a love for people.*
- 7. The gospel is not a burden you carry but a burden that carries you.*
- 8. Salvation came at a great cost to heaven to be a free gift to earth.*
- 9. Ministry is fueled by the love of Jesus and the love for Jesus, but it is facilitated by the love and giving of the brethren.*
- 10. Lower yourself to the position of the people so you can lift the people to their possession in Christ.*
- 11. Sit where they sit so you can help them stand in Christ, in whom you are standing.*
- 12. People will gravitate to what they can relate to, but especially what can relate to them; you must associate in order to elevate; you must lower yourself to lift.*
- 13. Your race is not about the pace but about the plan; you may not be the only one running but you run alone competing with no one.*
- 14. Your race may not be private but it is personal.*
- 15. Every race involves practice, preparation, restraint, persistence and personal discipline.*
- 16. Your victory is subject to your run; your run is subject to your discipline; your discipline is subject to you.*
- 17. Your preaching does not qualify you or exempt you from your practice; you are a practitioner and partaker of the same gospel you preach.*
- 18. Your delivery may deliver others but it does not deliver you; your personal discipline and restraint does.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Power to distinguish myself by faithful and committed discipline and diligence, be mine today in the name of Jesus.
- King of kings and Lord of lords, professor of heaven and earth, let my portion be mine today, in the name of Jesus.
- I stir the spirit of congregants everywhere to desire to share every good thing with those who minister to them. Amen.
- Let the mindset of the kingdom be the mindset of believers; let them become cheerful kingdom financiers. Amen.
- Jesus my Lord, refresh the hearts of every minister and laborer in the word today. Amen.

IT IS FOR your example; will you learn? Will you search the word? It is written down. Will you commit fornication and please the flesh, or remember the 23,000 who were as one in death? Will you lust and murmur, Christ to tempt, or remember the fearsome, fiery serpent? All temptations are common to all equivocally; Will you seek the way of escape and so be free, or provoke the Lord to jealousy?

1 CORINTHIANS 10

¹Moreover, brethren, I would not have you to be ignorant how all our fathers were under the cloud, and through the sea also they all passed.
²And they were all baptized to Moses, in the cloud and the sea through which they had gone.
³And they all ate the same spiritual food,
⁴and drank the same spiritual drink, drinking of the spiritual Rock that followed them constantly; and that Rock was Jesus Christ.
⁵But God was not very pleased with many of them, for in the wilderness they were overthrown.
⁶Now these were our examples, to the intent that we should not go lusting after evil things, as they lusted also,
⁷neither be idolaters as some of them were. As it is written in the word, "The people sat down to eat and to drink, then they rose right up to play."
⁸Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them did and in one day, twenty and three thousand fell.
⁹Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them tempted Him and were destroyed then by the serpents.
¹⁰Neither murmur, as some of them murmured and were destroyed of the destroyer.
¹¹Now all these things happened to them for example to us, and they were written for our admonition, to whom the ends of the world are come.
¹²Therefore let him who thinks he stands, take heed lest he fall.
¹³There is no temptation that we face, but such as is common to all men. But God is faithful, He will not suffer you to be tempted above what you are able to bear, but with the temptation, He will also make a way to escape, so that you may be able to endure.
¹⁴Therefore my dearly beloved, flee idolatry.
¹⁵I speak as to wise men; judge what I say.
¹⁶The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? And the bread we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?
¹⁷For we, being many, are one bread and one

body,
 for we all partake of that one bread.
¹⁸Think of Israel after the flesh; are not those who eat the sacrifices partakers of the altar?
¹⁹What do I say then? That the idol is anything?
 Or are things offered to idols yet anything?
²⁰But I say, the things the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God. I do not desire that you should have fellowship with demons.
²¹You cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of demons with the same lips. You cannot partake of the Lord's table, and of the table of demons simultaneously.
²²Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we yet stronger than He?
²³All things are lawful for me, but all things are not proper and expedient. All things are lawful for me, but all things do not edify equally.
²⁴Let no one pursue his own, but every man another's wealth.
²⁵Whatever is sold in the markets, this eat, asking no question for conscience sake.
²⁶For the earth is the Lord's and the fullness of it.
²⁷If any unbeliever invites you to a feast, and you are so disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you asking no question for conscience sake,
²⁸but if any man says to you this is offered to idols in sacrifice, do not eat for the sake of him who pointed it out to you; for the sake of his conscience stop!
 For the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.
²⁹Conscience, I say, not of your own but of the other who pointed it out to you. For why is my liberty and freedom judged of another man's conscience?
³⁰For if I am a partaker by grace, why do they speak evil of me for something which I give thanks for?
³¹Whether you eat or drink, therefore, or in anything else that you do, do all to God's glory.
³²Offend no one, neither Gentiles nor Jews, nor the church of God,
³³even as in all things I please all men, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *The Israelites were under the cloud, now the Cloud is in us; they ate the manna from heaven, we eat the Bread of Life; the spiritual rock followed them, we follow the Rock; He leads us and walks with us.*
2. *What Israel drank from periodically we drink from constantly; Israel's occasional encounter is our continuous experience.*
3. *History does not have to repeat itself if the lessons are embraced and engaged; you avoid the punishment and pain of others if you learn from*

their experience.

4. Do not incite heaven's wrath by repeating the lust, idolatry and fornication that God responded to strongly of old, or by tempting Christ; grace is given but should not be taken for granted.
5. Your murmurs and complaining is a spirit of entitlement that opens you up to attacks; it celebrates the efforts of the enemy to destroy you and give him a gateway; a heart of gratitude and thanksgiving closes the door on the enemy.
6. Your failure is not in your strength, but in your absolute confidence in your own strength and your failure to preserve your strength with God.
7. Temptation may be a cruise to sin but it is no excuse to sin; the door of temptation is dual; a door to sin and a door of escape.
8. Idolatry is the diversion of worship from God to demons, engaging objects; it will never release you; you must release yourself and flee idolatry.
9. To associate with demons is aggression towards God; when you pray to God yet play (worship) demons, you plague yourself.
10. Not because you can means you should; let the fear of the consequence restrain you.
11. You live your best when you live to bless and to seek the wellbeing of others.
12. If you are concerned about every concern there is, you will soon become a concern; faith puts confidence in Jesus and commits to Him every concern to free you to live.
13. Thanksgiving places your life firmly in the hands of God and makes all your fears His responsibility.
14. If it is not your story, it is not your worry, even if it is your duty; do it all to His glory.

PRAYER POINTS

- Holy Spirit, thank You for living in me and making my life a daily encounter with heaven. Amen.
- I celebrate You every day, Holy Spirit; help me never to grieve You or distance You from me; let Your living waters flow through me. Amen.
- Power to learn from the history lessons in the Bible and be effective Christians, be upon every believer today, in the name of Jesus.
- Holy Father, I tremble at the thought of inciting Your anger or displeasing You. Amen.
- I will live a life of gratitude and thanksgiving; I refuse to complain, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

MAN is the head of the woman;
Christ is man's head.

What is your reason for coming?

It is not for drink and bread.

In your eating and drinking

The Lord's body discern;

That is why some are sick, some are weak and some dead.

And know that by your words you can be condemned.

1 CORINTHIANS 11

¹Be followers of me, even as I am a follower of Christ.

²I praise you now my brethren, that you remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances as I delivered them to you.

³But I would have you to know that the head

of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and God is the head of Christ.

⁴Now every man who prophesies or prays having his head covered, dishonors his head.

⁵But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered, dishonors her head. For this is as if she was shaved.

⁶If the woman is not covered, let her be shorn. But if it is a shame for a woman to be shorn, or to be shaved, then let her be covered.

⁷For a man ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man.

⁸For the man did not come out of the woman, but the woman came out of the man,

⁹neither was the man created for the woman, but the woman was created for the man.

¹⁰The woman ought to have, for this cause, power on her head because of the angels.

¹¹Nevertheless, neither is the man without the woman,

nor is the woman without the man in the Lord.

¹²For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man by the woman, but all things are of God!

¹³You judge in yourself; is it a comely thing that an uncovered woman should pray to God?

¹⁴Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, to him it is a shame?

¹⁵But if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her, for her hair is given her for a covering,

¹⁶But if any man seem to be contentious in these things, we have no such customs, neither have the churches of God.

¹⁷Now in this that I declare to you,

I have no praise for you, in that you do not come together for the better but for the worse.

¹⁸For first of all, when you come together as the church,

I hear that there are divisions among you and I partly believe,

¹⁹for there must be also heresies among you, that those who are approved may be made known to you.

²⁰When you come together, therefore, and are gathered in one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper;

²¹for in eating, everyone takes his own supper, and one is hungry and one drunken.

²²What! Have you not houses to eat and drink in?

Or do you despise the church of God, and in so doing shame those who do not have?

What shall I then say to you?

Shall I praise you in this? I do not give you praise.

²³For I have received of the Lord that which I delivered to you,

that the Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and

²⁴when He gave thanks He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for

you; this do in remembrance of Me.”

²⁵And He took the cup after the same manner also, and when He had tasted, He said:

“This cup is the New Testament in My blood; this do; as often as you drink of it, you drink this cup in remembrance of Me.”

²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup you show the Lord’s death until He comes.

²⁷Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily, he shall be guilty of the Lord’s blood and His body.

²⁸But let a man examine himself and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

²⁹For he who eats and drinks unworthily, eats and drinks condemnation to himself, not discerning the body of the Lord.

³⁰Many are weak among you for this reason, and many are sick and many dead.

³¹For if we judge ourselves, we shall not be judged.

³²But when we are judged, then we are chastened of the Lord, so that thereby, we should not be condemned with the world.

³³Therefore, my brethren, when you come to eat, wait one for another,

³⁴and let each man eat at home if he is hungry, that you do not come together to condemnation; and the rest I will set in order when I come.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Your life should be a reflection of Christ so others may copy you to connect with Him and engage your standards to embrace Him.*
2. *Align with your head to receive the full benefits of structure and the unhindered flow from God.*
3. *To be headless is to be brainless and to be sightless; it is the same as going with the feet and doing with the hands without vision, focus, direction or authority.*
4. *The interdependence of man and woman is undeniable; the structure and alignment of the bodies is indisputable.*
5. *Let Christ be the only contention within the churches, not common sense, custom or basic law. Alignment with Christ brings everything into alignment and everyone in alignment with you.*
6. *United in Christ yet divided by rituals, have always and will always define the church until she is taken.*
7. *You should not use your affluence to embarrass others, rather your humility should engage, embrace and uplift them.*
8. *The Lord’s supper is a symbol of remembrance of the most significant occurrence in history; it is an action for association with the most memorable and monumentous occasion impacting our lives.*
9. *With your mouth you verbally declare the Lord’s death, but by the Lord’s supper you symbolically declare it and demonstratively show it.*
10. *Your frequency in taking the Lord’s supper represents your fervency in remembering Christ in this manner as He stipulated.*
11. *The body of Christ was broken on the cross for*

the body of Christ united in the cross; one is memorialized by rituals the other is canonized by fellowship; to ritualize the Lord’s supper is optional, failure to discern and revere the body of Christ is not.

12. *Remembering the body through rituals without respecting, revering and recognizing the body of believers is a great failure. Ritual to us is real in heaven; relationship matters.*
13. *A healthy body does not die; a dying body has no health; if you do not discern His body it affects your physical health.*
14. *Measure yourself against His standards and adjust, or His standards will measure you and adjudicate against you.*
15. *To place the ritual above the reason and the occasion above the solemnity, is sacrilege.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Lord Jesus, make me a perfect representation of You; I will follow You closely. Amen.
- Let the fire of the Holy Spirit drive rebellion from the hearts of believers; let them submit to leadership, structure and order. Amen.
- Thank You Jesus for fathers and mothers in the faith; thank You for every church leader who is fully submitted to You Lord. Amen.
- I am awed at Your wisdom in creation, Lord, and Your gift of marriage and procreation. Amen.
- Lord Jesus, let every church denomination who is not fully aligned with You, bow their knees today and submit to the bondage breaking truth of Your word. Amen.

SOME feeble, some strong; all and altogether one.

Diverse posts, diverse gifts, but all of the same brand.

Pluck out your eyes and you will see; or cut off your feet, then go walk free;

Will not every other member hurt and feel? Some feeble and some strong, but all and altogether one.

Some speak with tongues, some prophesy; We have apostles, prophets and teachers alike.

Yet every member has his voice; Some feeble, some strong, yet all and altogether one.

1 CORINTHIANS 12

¹Now brethren, concerning spiritual gifts I would not have you ignorant of this.

²You know that you were Gentiles, carried away in worshipping these dumb idols.

³Therefore, I would have you understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus Christ accursed;

and that no one can say that Jesus is Lord but by the Holy Ghost in him.

⁴Now there are diversities of gifts, by the same Spirit,

⁵and there are differences of administration by one and the same Lord.

⁶And there are varieties of operations, but it is the same God who works all in all.

⁷But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit by it.

⁸For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom, and to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit.

⁹And to another faith by the same Spirit, to another the gifts of healing;

¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another spiritual discerning; to another tongues of diverse kinds, to another the interpretation of tongues likewise.

¹¹All these things are works of the same Spirit, as He desires, He bestows on every man.

¹²For even as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of that one body are one body, although they are many, even so also is the body of Christ.

¹³For we are all baptized by one Spirit into one body.

Whether we are bond or free, Jews or Gentiles, all have been made to drink of the one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body is many members and not one.

¹⁵If the foot shall say, "Because I am not the hand I am not of the body," is it not of the body then?

¹⁶And what if the ear says, "I am not the eye, thus I am not of the body."

Is it not of the body therefore?

¹⁷If the whole body were an eye to see, then where would the hearing be?

And if the whole body were hearing, where is the smelling?

¹⁸But God has set all the members, in the body as He pleases.

¹⁹Or if they were all one member, where then would the body be?

²⁰Now then they are many members, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot therefore say to the hand, "I have no need of you!"

Nor say to the feet, "I need you not."

²²No! Much more these members of the body that seem to be more feeble are necessary;

²³and those members of the body which we think are the least honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor,

and more abundant beauty to our uncomely parts,

²⁴for our comely parts have no need of this.

But God has tempered the body together, giving more abundant honor to the parts that lacked,

²⁵that there be no schisms in the body, but that all members should care for each other.

²⁶And when one member suffers, all members suffer its pain.

And when one member is honored, all rejoice with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and you are members in particular.

²⁸And God has set some in the church; first apostles, second prophets and thirdly teachers,

after that miracles, the gifts of healings, helps, governments and diversities of tongues.

²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets?

Are all teachers or workers of miracles?

³⁰Have all the gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues?

Do all move in interpretation?

³¹Yet I say you should covet with every earnest, the best of all these gifts.

Yet I show to you that there is a more excellent way than this.

CWDS Bible Quotes

- 1. The Holy Spirit defines and refines your conversation concerning the Lord; you cannot accept or express the Lordship of Christ except by the Holy Spirit.*
- 2. The Holy Spirit identifies Christ to every person and for every person; it is impossible for the flesh to identify Him.*
- 3. One God, one Lord, one Spirit; differing functions, one work.*
- 4. Get close to the giver and access the gifts; make friends with the giver and possess the gifts.*
- 5. The Holy Spirit gives the gifts as He desires; whether power gifts, or ministry gifts, there is one giver, the Holy Spirit, and He only gives from His place of residence in you.*
- 6. Recognize the Holy Spirit and spend time with Him; the Holy Spirit is not in heaven but in you; He is the repository of heavenly deposits in you, therefore know Him to display heaven in this earth.*
- 7. Christ is one body with many members, not one head with many bodies; we have different functions but one functionary and one focus.*
- 8. Diversity increases capability and reduces complexity; the importance of every member of the body is known when that member is missing or absent.*
- 9. Celebrate every member of the body as if you cannot do without them, because, of a truth, you cannot.*
- 10. Celebration and honor is natural for the visible and active members of the body; celebration and honor is necessary for the less visible but functioning members of the body.*
- 11. You cannot walk without the members of your body that you walk on; at least buy them beautiful shoes. You cannot glory outside without the members of the body that are hidden inside, ensure they are functioning and well taken care of.*
- 12. You are dead if your organs fail; let your heart beat love for every other member of the body.*
- 13. The body cannot send the foot to the hospital while it watches television, it must go with the affected member; this is a picture of the functional church; we cannot distance, disassociate or detach ourselves, we must share every moment of pain and victory.*
- 14. Pastors, teachers, prophets and evangelists are gifts within the body that must be recognized and celebrated.*
- 15. The ministry gifts are given but should not be taken for granted; earnestly desire, seek after, position yourself to attract the best gifts, or the gift that best suits you and your calling.*

PRAYER POINTS

- I hereby confess that Jesus is Lord and there is none but Him; thank You Holy Spirit for this

- resolve. Amen.
- Holy Spirit, place Your witness in the hearts of unbelievers and make the Word come alive to them. Amen.
 - Spirit of the living God, I embrace Your divine work in my life. Amen.
 - I love You Holy Spirit; You are the closest person to me and I will be deliberate about knowing You and walking with and in You. Amen.
 - Holy Spirit, it is a joy to have You; I request of You all the gifts necessary to make me an effective Christian; let faith, miracles and prophecy be my portion. Amen.
 - I release the power of effective relationships to every member of the body of Christ. Amen.

THOUGH I speak with the tongues of men and angels, Love is a more excellent way. Give all my goods to the poor and burn my body as well, Love is a more excellent way. Love is patient, love is kind, enduring all things, all of the time. When all things pass, there is love, hope and faith. All these are great, but love is a more excellent way.

1 CORINTHIANS 13

¹Though I speak with tongues of men and angels, and I do not have love, I have become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal;

love is a more excellent way.

²And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all knowledge and all mysteries;

and though I have received all faith so that I could move mountains away, I am nothing if I do not have love.

Love is a more excellent way.

³And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor,

and though I give my body to be burned, if I do not have love, it is of no profit to me;

love is a more excellent way.

⁴Love is kind and it suffers long; love does not envy, love does not vaunt itself.

Love is not puffed up nor does she seek her own interest.

⁵Love does not behave rudely.

Love is a more excellent way.

Love is not easily provoked, love thinks no evil.

⁶Love does not rejoice in iniquity but rejoices in the truth.

Love is a more excellent way!

⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, endures all things, and in all things it hopes.

⁸Love never fails;

love is a more excellent way.

Where there are prophecies, they are bound to fail;

tongues shall cease, knowledge shall vanish away.

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

¹⁰but when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away with.

¹¹When I was a child, I spoke as a child; I understood as a child, and I thought as a child; when I became a man, I put childish things aside.

There is a more excellent way; love.

¹²For now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face.

I know in part, but then I shall know even as I am known.

¹³Now there abide faith, love and hope, these three, but the greatest of these is love.

Love is a more excellent way!

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. The greatest of feats and accomplishments get their value at the feet of Love.
2. Your spiritual accomplishments, height and sacrifices have no depth or lasting effect outside of love.
3. Speaking in tongues is confusing if not fused with a heart of love; speaking in tongues without love is a tambourine; it torches earth but does not touch heaven.
4. Love gives; the only one kind of love there is, is love that is kind; love does not sacrifice; love is sacrifice.
5. Love never gives up or gives in but keeps on giving out; it is a giving machine.
6. Love believes in the face of contradictions and contradicts all beliefs to hold on to its conviction.
7. Love may see evil but it never thinks evil; it may see bad but only rejoices in truth.
8. Love is discipline that directs; it chooses what it rejoices in, how it thinks, how it approaches things, what it says, responds and reacts to.
9. Love is in for the long haul. it overcomes all hurdles as it bears, believes and hopes all things, in all situations, at all times, irrespective of all that is happening.
10. Love is endearing because it is enduring; it chooses its behavior; it refuses to be rude, self-seeking or proud and it cannot be provoked.
11. The practice of love is unfailing; love is consistent committed action that cannot fail because it fails to surrender.
12. Prophecy and tongues are a bridge to perfection; love is perfection; God is love.
13. Childish ways and talk are imperfect but accepted as perfect by adults, just as prophecy is perfect imperfection that is accepted by God until perfection is reached; love is perfection; God is love.
14. When you hope for things to come, you exercise faith to move God and love to engage Him; God is love.
15. Love is stronger than death, it is never over, it keeps suffering until it wins; love is higher than self, it does not boast or make itself more important than others.
16. Love is humility in action; it is never rude; love is selfless always looking out for others; love is your interest at heart, it wants you to win; it does not envy.
17. Love is not shaken by evidence; it shakes evidence to find hope to hold on to.
18. Love is solid, love is eternal, love is time-tested,

love is God; God is love.

19. *Truly, no one loves to fail, they fail because they fail to truly love; love never fails.*

PRAYER POINTS

- My Father, my God, teach me to love so that everything else I do can have direction and value. Amen.
- I will be my Father's child; I was created in Your image Lord and I will engage and release my full capacity to love.
- Father God, I refuse to seek You with tongues if I cannot reach You with love; when I open my mouth You will hear love calling to Love. Amen.
- I declare that I am a generous extravagant soul motivated by love for people. Amen.
- Holy Father, baptize me and my household with Your pure agape love. Amen.

DISCERNMENT and order in everything you do;

Restraint, Mr. Prophet, your spirit is subject to you.

When you speak in tongues, you edify yourself;

In a collective gathering, it is best to prophesy.

The trumpet must not blow with an uncertain sound,

Therefore prophesy, but let decency and order be the grounds.

1 CORINTHIANS 14

¹Pursue love and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that you prophesy.

²For he who speaks in a tongue that is unknown, speaks not to men, but to God alone; no man understands him, for he speaks mysteries in the Spirit.

³But he who prophesies, prophesies to men, to edify, to exhort and to bring comfort.

⁴He who speaks in an unknown tongue edifies himself alone, but he who prophesies edifies the entire church.

⁵It is my desire that you all spoke with tongues, but rather that you prophesied, for greater is he who prophesies, than he who speaks with tongues, except he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

⁶Now brethren, if I come to you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you except I speak to you by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying or by doctrine?

⁷Things that are lifeless but give off a sound, whether pipe or harp, how shall what is piped or harped be known unless the sound is distinct and very clear in itself?

⁸For if the sound of the trumpet is uncertain, who will prepare for battle?

⁹So you, likewise, except you utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how will men know what is spoken?

For you will have spoken into the air.

¹⁰Now there are perhaps so many kinds of

voices in the world, yet none without significance at all.

¹¹Therefore, if I do not know the meaning of the voice, I will be as a foreigner to him who spoke.

And he who speaks shall be as a foreigner to me.

¹²Therefore, forasmuch as you are jealous of spiritual gifts,

seek that you may excel to edify the church.

¹³Let him who speaks in an unknown tongue, pray that he may interpret what he speaks.

¹⁴For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays in me, but my understanding is unfruitful.

¹⁵So what is it then? I pray with the Spirit and I also pray with the understanding.

I will sing with the Spirit and sing with the understanding too.

¹⁶Otherwise when you bless with the Spirit, how shall those who are uneducated say

“Amen” at the giving of thanks, seeing that he does not understand what you say?

¹⁷For you do give thanks well, but the other is not edified.

¹⁸I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you,

¹⁹but I would rather speak five words with understanding in the church, that I may teach others, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

²⁰Brethren, do not be children in understanding, nor foster childlike malice, but be adults in understanding.

²¹For it is written in the Law, “I will speak to the people with men of other tongues, yet they will not hear Me.”

²²Therefore, tongues are for signs, not to those who believe but to those who do not believe. But prophesying serves, not for unbelievers but for believers.

²³If the church is come together into one place and all speak in tongues, and there come in those who are uneducated, or unbelievers, will they not say, “You are mad!”?

²⁴But if all prophesy, and one comes in who is not a believer, or who is uneducated, he shall be persuaded by everyone and judged of everyone;

²⁵by this all the secret things of his heart will be exposed,

and so he will fall down on his face and worship the Lord,

and he will report that God is truly in you.

²⁶Brethren, how is it then, when you come together each has a psalm, a doctrine, a tongue, a revelation and an interpretation?

Let all things be done to edify.

²⁷If any speak in a strange tongue, let it be done by two, or the most three, yet only in the designated order, and let one interpret.

²⁸But if there is no interpreter, let him keep

silence in the church and let him speak to God and to himself.

²⁹Let the prophets speak in two or three and let the others judge them.

³⁰If anything is revealed to another sitting by, let the first be silent,

³¹for you may all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be comforted.

³²The spirits of the prophets are subjected to the prophets,

³³for God is not the author of confusion, but the author of peace, as it is in all the churches of the saints.

³⁴Now let your women be silent in the churches,

for they are not permitted to speak, but they are commanded to be under obedience, as the law has said.

³⁵And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home, for it is a shame for a woman to speak in the church.

³⁶What? Did the word of God come out from you or did it come to you alone?

³⁷If any man thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things I write to you are the Lord's commands.

³⁸But if any man is ignorant, let him continue to be ignorant.

³⁹Therefore, brethren, covet to prophesy and forbid not to speak with tongues,

⁴⁰but let all things be done decently and orderly.

CWDS Bible Quotes

- In this world of imperfection, pursue love which is perfection, and desire spiritual gifts which are a bridge to perfection.*
- Spiritual gifts are available but must be desired, pursued and prepared for.*
- The prophetic is the most desirable of all gifts; it is not just a speaking gift but, it bridges God and man.*
- Speaking in tongues is selfish if spoken in public exhortation or forums with no one to interpret; prophecy is selfish if received but not spoken to exhort, edify and comfort.*
- The object of your public utterances is for edification not personal expression; it does no good unless it is understood.*
- Never make a public forum or pulpit your platform for personal performance; you cannot address others speaking to self, just as you cannot address self, speaking to others.*
- Praying in tongues has an important place but when addressing others it is out of place without interpretation.*
- Praying and singing in the Spirit engages the Spirit and unlocks the things of the Spirit to the moment.*
- Praying in the Spirit moves prayer from fact and faculties to faith; the faculties do not understand the spiritual truth about the facts, but by faith you know you are moving God to decisive action.*
- True wisdom in prayer is understanding that there is a place for praying and singing in the spirit and a place for praying and singing with*

the understanding; engage both at the right time and in the right place.

- The Corinthians boast tongues but they did not brag restraint; Paul considered it a special privilege to speak in tongues more than everyone else, but great power in restraint.*
- A church of tongues confuses unbelievers; a prophetic church engages and convicts them.*
- The church must be on fire and running with spiritual gifts, but regulated by order and not be overrun by the gifts.*
- Not because you can means you must; not because you know means you must be known; not because it is given to you means you have no control. Timing enhances the message and increases effect.*
- Confusion is not a factor of the Holy Spirit; it is a failure of the human spirit to regulate itself.*
- Confusion does not mean you have not received from God; it means you have not received God; He is not the author of confusion.*
- Tongues should not be restrained but regulated.*
- The prophetic is high but within reach to everyone whose desire has depth and persistence.*
- It is not the things that are ordered, but the order of things that matters; let everything be done decently and in order.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Holy Spirit, give Your gifts to me; righteous Father, perfect Your love in me. Amen.
- I want it all Holy Spirit; manifest Yourself through me in full measure; I desire You. Amen.
- My Father, my God, make me Your mouthpiece; reveal Your secrets to me and make me a responsible and fearless steward; I will prophesy, in the name of Jesus.
- I refuse to be disorderly or selfish with my spiritual gifts or with my witness of Christ. Amen.
- Holy Spirit, I completely submit myself to You; I will only do and say what I see and hear from You. Amen.

BE steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding,

For your labor is not in vain.

Peter saw Him, His disciples and then I.

Christ is risen, let all men proclaim.

If your rights in Christ are in this life what a miserable state!

Death's sting is sin that we were in;

He took and gave us the victory.

1 CORINTHIANS 15

¹Moreover, brethren, I declare the gospel, which I preached to you, which you have received, and in which you stand,

²by which you are saved also, if you keep in your memory what I have preached to you, unless you have believed in vain.

³For I have delivered, first of all to you, that which I also have received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.

⁴And that He was buried, but He rose again on the third day, according to the Scriptures.

⁵After that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve,

⁶then He was seen at once by over five hun-

dred brethren,
the greater part remains to this present day,
but some are dead.
7After that He was seen by James, then by all
the apostles;
8and last of all He was seen by me, as one
born out of due time.
9For I am least of all the apostles, and not
worthy to be called an apostle because I perse-
cuted the church of God.
But God's grace bestowed on me was not in
vain.
10By the grace of God I am what I am.
But I labored more arduously, than all, yet not
I, but God's grace with me.
11But whether I or they, so have we preached
and so have you believed.
12Now if Christ is preached that He rose from
the dead,
how do some of you say that there is no resur-
rection of the dead?
13But if there is no resurrection of the dead,
then Christ did not rise.
14And if Christ is not risen, then our preach-
ing and our faith is vain,
15and we are found false witnesses of the Lord
our God,
because we have testified that Christ is raised
by God, whom He did not raise up, as they
say, if it is that the dead do not rise.
16For if the dead do not rise, Christ is not
risen.
17If Christ is not raised, then your faith in Him
is vain, and you are yet in your sins.
18Those dead in Christ are also perished.
19For if in this life only we have hope in Christ,
we are of all men the most miserable.
20But Christ is risen from the dead, and has
become the firstfruits of those who sleep.
21For since death entered the earth by man,
by Man came the resurrection of the dead
also.
22For as in Adam all died, in Christ shall all be
made alive.
23But every man in his own order,
Christ the firstfruit, afterward those of Christ's
when He comes.
24Then comes the end when He shall have
delivered up the kingdom to the Father,
and when He will have surrendered all power,
all rule and all authority.
25And He must reign until He has put all His
enemies under His feet.
26The last enemy that shall be destroyed is
death.
27For He has placed all things under His feet.
But when He says all things are put under
Him,
it is clear that He who placed all things under
Him is an exception.
28And when all things are subdued to Him,
the Son shall also then be subject Himself to
Him who placed all things under Him, that
God may be all in all.

29Otherwise what shall those who are bap-
tized for the dead do?
If the dead do not rise, why are they then bap-
tized for the dead?
30And why do we stand in jeopardy every
hour?
31I affirm, by my rejoicing over you, in Christ
Jesus our Lord, I die daily.
32If after the manner of men, I fought with
beasts at Ephesus,
what advantage is it for me if the dead do not
rise?
Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we all die!
33Therefore, do not be deceived; evil communi-
cations corrupt good manners.
34Awake to righteousness and do not sin, for
some do not have the knowledge of God; I
speak this to your shame.
35But some men will say, "How are the dead
raised up, and with what body do they come?"
36You fool, that which you sow is not quick-
ened, no it shall not rise, unless it first dies.
37And when you sow, you do not sow the crop
that shall be produced,
but rather you sow seeds, that it may become
a chance of wheat, or of some other crop.
38But God gives it a body as He pleases,
and a unique body to every seed.
39All flesh is not the same flesh, but there
is one kind of flesh for men, and another of
beasts;
another for fishes, and another for birds.
40There are celestial and terrestrial bodies;
the glory of the celestial is one, another glory of
the terrestrial.
41There is one glory of the sun, a different glo-
ry of the moon, and different glory of the stars;
for one star differs from another star in glory.
42So also is the resurrection of the dead:
the body that is sown is corruptible, but it is
raised incorruptible.
43It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory.
It is sown in weakness, but it is raised in
power.
44It is sown a natural body and raised a spiri-
tual one.
45It is written also that the first man Adam
was made a living soul;
the last Adam was made a quickening Spirit.
46The spiritual was not first, but the natural,
then the spiritual afterward.
47The first man of the earth is earthy, but the
Second man is the Lord from heaven.
48As is the earthy, so are those who are
earthy. And as is the heavenly, so are those
who are heavenly.
49And as we have borne the image of the
earthy man, we shall also bear the image of
the heavenly.
50But this I say, brothers, that flesh and blood
cannot inherit the kingdom of God.
Neither does corruption inherit incorruption.
51Behold I now reveal a mystery to you, we
shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump.

For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed.

⁵³For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

⁵⁴So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then at last will be brought to pass this saying that is written,

“Death is swallowed up in victory.

⁵⁵O Death, where is your sting?

O Grave, say, where is your victory?”

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the law is the strength of sin.

⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who always gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast and unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord,

for as much as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus is factual and scriptural; it is a factual occurrence that is a fulfillment of prophetic revelations in the scripture.*
2. *Jesus has been declared alive to us by the apostles, the initial witnesses, but He is manifested alive in us by the Holy Spirit.*
3. *If you truly understand and appreciate what you have been forgiven of, you will embrace what you are called to. If you have been forgiven much, embrace the grace and engage it on behalf of others.*
4. *The resurrection of Christ is the foundation of our faith; our faith is futile and our sins are alive if the resurrection is fabricated and Christ is not alive.*
5. *Mastery of this life without provision or positioning for life after death is misery in life; hope in Christ only in this life is our most miserable mistake and our most wretched state.*
6. *One man surrendered, one Man conquered; the death of all men came through one, Adam; the debt of all was paid by one, Jesus Christ.*
7. *Death devours until it is fully destroyed.*
8. *The structure of authority and powers in the heavens or on earth which regulates our world and ends with it, all come from God and eventually rest with Him.*
9. *The world came out of God through words and everything will go back to God and rest under His feet; He will remove everything so that He Himself will be everything.*
10. *You are living for nothing if everything you are living for amounts to nothing when your short life is over.*
11. *Death may be the end of our body but not the end of our life; the spirit never dies. Death frees us from the corrupted flesh and embodies our spirit-being with a new perfected body.*
12. *The body of dust confines us but does not define us; the image of Christ refines us and He will resurrect us in His heavenly image.*
13. *Death is our passage to our true inheritance, the*

kingdom of God.

14. *Our claim on eternity is valid but can only be executed when our change from corruptible is complete.*
15. *We are positioned for change and perfected with change.*
16. *Our corruptible flesh has no control over our incorruptible inheritance if we engage the flesh with our incorruptible spirit.*
17. *Our change may be long in coming, but our change will not be prolonged in occurring; our certain change will be sudden.*
18. *Death may swallow up our life but not our victory; death will be swallowed up in victory.*
19. *Sin gives death its power but Christ gives us the victory; sin stings but Christ took the poison and its power to destroy.*
20. *We are unchained and unchanged for we know our labor pain is never in vain.*
21. *We work from a position of strength in our weaknesses; we work from a position of victory knowing Christ has already won. It is just a matter of time; when the matter of time is dealt with and there is no more time, eternity will perfect everything that time prevented.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Jesus, I celebrate Your sacrifice for my sins. Amen.
- There is no doubt in my heart that You are alive Lord Jesus; You live in me. Amen.
- Jesus my Lord, the weight of my past was too much for me; I embrace Your easy burden; I take Your yoke. Amen.
- I know in whom I have believed; my faith cannot be shaken; He is alive. Amen.
- I have an eternal hope. Amen.

WATCH! Stand fast in faith. Conduct yourselves like men; be strong.

To you be grace, and my love in Christ. Bring your offering into the store. Watch! Stand fast in faith, and yet more, Love the Lord sincerely and avoid the curse. Watch!

1 CORINTHIANS 16

¹Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I commanded the churches in Galatia; ²upon the first day of the week, let everyone of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him,

that there be no gatherings when I come.

³And when I come, whoever you approve, by your letters, I will send them to bring your generosity to Jerusalem.

⁴If it is necessary that I also go myself, they will go down with me.

⁵Now I will come to you when I have passed through Macedonia,

for I pass through Macedonia also,

⁶and I may just remain and winter there with you,

that you may bring me on my journey wherever I go from there.

⁷For I will not see you by the way, but if the

Lord permits I trust to stay awhile with you.

⁸But I will stay at Ephesus until Pentecost.

⁹For a great and effectual door is opened up to me,

and there are many adversaries.

¹⁰Now if Timothy comes to you, see that he may be with you without fear, for he works the work of the Lord in the same way I also do.

¹¹Let no one despise him, but conduct him on his way in peace that he may come to me, for I look for him with the brethren.

¹²As touching our brother Apollos, I desire greatly for him to come to you with the brethren who come that way,

however, he does not desire to come at this time, but when he has a convenient time he will come.

¹³Watch, stand fast in faith, hold on; conduct yourselves like men, be strong.

¹⁴Let all things be done with love.

¹⁵You know the house of Stephanas is the first-fruit of Achaia's, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints.

¹⁶I beseech you that you submit yourselves to such,

and to everyone who helps and labors with us.

¹⁷I am glad for the coming of Fortunatus and Stephanas and Achaicus, for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied with open hearts.

¹⁸For they have refreshed my spirit and also yours;

acknowledge those who do such things therefore.

¹⁹The churches of Asia salute you.

Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

²⁰And all the brethren send greetings.

Greet one another with a holy kiss.

²¹This is the salutation of me, Paul, written with my own hand.

²²If any man does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed!

O Lord come quickly!

²³The grace of Jesus Christ our Lord be with you.

²⁴My love be with you all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

CWDS Bible Quotes

- 1. The best of giving is proactive and not reactive or responsive.*
- 2. Giving is not an afterthought, it is an abundance of thoughtfulness; it is not desperation but preparation.*
- 3. You give away from yourself to attract blessings to yourself.*
- 4. You give into good ground and into the source of your spiritual food.*
- 5. Everyone desires to be desired and wants to be wanted; it is endearing when leaders express and demonstrate a great love for the people and for their company.*
- 6. Great doors come with great devils; effective and effectual advantages and advances come with enraged adversaries.*
- 7. Even if you do not love everything you do, let everything that you do be done with love and in love.*
- 8. Submit to the authority of the King of kings in Person, or through His delegated authority identified by the anointing or by positioning.*
- 9. Your giving and sacrifice may be without compulsion or anticipation, but it is not without acknowledgment, reward and compensation.*
- 10. If you do not love the Lord Jesus who took your curse, you love the curse and you are accursed for you bear the curse He took.*
- 11. It is great to be graced by the living God; it is grand to have the grace of God with you always.*

PRAYER POINTS

- I give to You deliberately, Lord Jesus, because You gave to me; You were prepared and slain before creation and given to me in time. Amen.
- I give to You Father because I love You; I anticipate every opportunity to give because You fill me with good thoughts. Amen.
- I tap into Your promises Father, to open the windows of heaven and pour me a blessing; I have the blessings of Abraham. Amen.
- By the power of the Holy Spirit, I stir up the spirits of believers and congregants to give generously into their local churches. Amen.

According to Hippolytus, Andrew preached to the Scythians, that is; modern day Georgia, and was crucified, suspended on an olive tree, at Patrae, a town of Achaia, that is; modern day Greece, and was buried there.

This feature continues at the end of the next chapter.