

Use this daily Transformation Journal to learn how to study the Bible for yourself. Pray before you begin and ask God to bless you with insight and discernment as you ponder and respond to the questions, which are tools for your spiritual growth.

1 Corinthians 12:27-31



Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Sermon Notes

Monday, August 30

Paul began his letter to the Corinthian church with an encouraging word for their faith. He then began to deal with the issues he'd heard had become conflicts among them. Paul's deepest desire was for the Corinthian believers to hold primary allegiance to Jesus, not to any human spiritual leader. He emphasized that true wisdom only comes from God, who often uses the weakest and most foolish among us for the greatest purposes.

1 Corinthians 1-2

- According to 2:11-14, why can some people understand God's truth, and to others it makes no sense at all?
- Have you ever felt unworthy or unqualified to be used for God's purposes? From 1:26-2:5, what encouragement do you receive regarding God's intentions for you?

Tuesday, August 31

Paul reminded the believers of the solid spiritual foundation he had laid during the time he spent in Corinth. He urgently reminded them that together they formed God's temple (church) and that God's Spirit resided in them. For that reason, it was essential that they work toward purity, faith, and godliness—and that they hold every believer within their fellowship accountable to these standards.

1 Corinthians 3:5

- What was Paul saying through his example of the yeast and the dough? The bread without yeast?
- Where are you in your spiritual progress?

More Scripture: 1 Corinthians 4—Paul describes his servant leader relationship with the Corinthian church

