
UNITY & WISDOM IN MESSIAH

Studies in 1 Corinthians



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Unity and Wisdom In Messiah,
1 Corinthians 1-16

Intro: 1:1-9, Paul's confidence in them

I. Intro to book: Developing unity and wisdom in Messiah, 1 Cor 1:11; 7:1

1 Cor 1:11 I have been informed concerning you, 1-6 (our witness in our unity); **7:1, what you wrote** (wisdom for our maturity), **7-16**

Corinth Congregation planted 51-52 AD; this letter written around spring of 54 AD.. Paul wrote four letters to them: 1) the previous letter mentioned (1 Cor 5:9); 2) 1 Corinthians; 3) a severe letter (2 Cor 2:3-4; 4) 2 Corinthians. Only 1 & 2 Corinthians are extant.

II. Intro to mess: His responsibility and ability in the mess, 1:1-9:

A. He is responsible and able b/c of who he is, 1:1:

Tanach values: **1:1** from Ex 3:10

B. He is responsible and able b/c of who they are, 1:2:

1. They have a community relationship as the His people

2. They have a spiritual reality as the His people

3. They have a global responsibility as the His people

Tanach values: **1:2** from Ps 16:3; 34:9; Dan 7:22; Zec 14:5 & from Genesis 4:26; Zephaniah 3:9, Gen 12:3

C. He is responsible and able b/c what they have, 1:3-8

1. What they have presently in Messiah continues them, 3

Tanach values: **1:3** from Gen 6:8; Zechariah 12:10

2. What they have previously in Messiah confirmed them, 4-8:

Tanach values:

1:5 from Exodus 31:3; 35:31; Psalm 94:10; **1:6** from Isaiah 8:2; Isaiah 43:10

D. He is responsible and able b/c of who God is, 1:9.

Tanach values: **1:9** from Deuteronomy 7:9; Isaiah 49:7

Part 1. Addressing concerns re: our witness in our Messianic testimony 1 Cor 1-6 (1 Cor 1:11)

I. Addressing concerns of our walk in Messianic unity, 1:10-4:21

A. Their character is their divisions, 1 Cor 1:10-16

1. Divisions contradict your witness: Paul's exhortation, 1:10-13

a. The exhortation to completion, 10

b. The information about quarrels, 11-12

Tanach values: **1:10** from Genesis 13:7-9; Num 27:17; **1:11-12** from Ex 17:2, 7.

2. Divisions prioritize secondary matters: Their ceremonial insanity, 1:14-16

a. Immersion disunion, 13-15

b. Immersion delegation, 16

What does immersion mean? Rom 6:2-7

Tanach values: **1:14** from Deut 30:6; Jeremiah 4:4; 9:25-6; 1 Kings 5:14

B. The cure is Yeshua's death, 1:17-3:4

1. His death is the only word of God for all, 1:17-31

a. His death is their salvation, 1:17-25

1) The responsibility to proclaim it personally, 17

2) The reason to proclaim it powerfully, 18-19

3) The result of proclaiming it plainly, 20-25.

a) Among the lost, it is foolishness and stumbling, 20-23

b) Among the saved, it is wisdom and power, 24-25.

Tanach values: **1:17** from Psalm 22:16-18; **1:21-24** from 1 Kings 3:28

b. His death is their success, 1:26-31

1) The despised people of success are astonishing, 26-28.

2) The divine Person of success is acclaimed, 29-31!

Tanach values: **1:26** from Deut 7:7-8; **1:31** from Psalm 34:2; Jer 9:23-24

2. His death is the eternal wisdom of God, unknown in the world, 2:1-9.
 - a. The wisdom of the cross produces faith, 2:1-5.
 - b. The wisdom of the cross presents glory, 2:6-9

Tanach values: **2:9** from Isaiah 64:4; 65:17

3. His death is revealed by the Spirit, 2:10-13.
 - a. They are revealed by the Spirit of God, 2:10-11. The revelation by the Spirit
 - 1) The revelation is of God's comprehension, 10: why we conceive
 - 2) The revelation is of God's communication, 11: why we believe

Tanach values: **2:10-11** from Exodus 28:3; Deut 34:9; Proverbs 20:27; Isaiah 11:2; Dan 5:11.

- b. They are received by the Spirit of God, 2:12. The illumination by the Spirit.
 - 1) We understand bc we received God's Spirit, 12a.
 - 2) We understand bc we received God's grace, 12b.

Tanach values: **2:12** from Isaiah 11:2

- c. They are taught by the Spirit of God, 2:13. The communication by the Spirit.
 - 1) We speak spiritual wisdom, 13a.
 - 2) We speak spiritual words, 13b.

Tanach values: **2:13** from Ps 40:6; Isaiah 50:4

4. His death is addressed to all people, 2:14-3:4.
 - a. Unappreciated by the natural person, 2:14

Tanach values: **2:14** from Isaiah 6:10

- b. Understood by the spiritual person, 2:15-16

Tanach values: **2:16** from Isaiah 40:13

- c. Unapplied by the carnal person, 3:1-4

Tanach values: **3:3** from Proverbs 6:34

C. The call to the carnal to develop: be mature in your POV, 3:5-4:21

1. Mature by how you see yourself, 3:5-23.
 - a. The key in unity is mature priorities, 3:5.
 - 1) Have appreciation for the secondary containers.

 - 2) Give acclamation to the primary cause!

Tanach values: **3:5** from Ex 32:1 and Psalm 34:1-3; 117:1-2, etc.

- b. The cure for unity is mature self-perception, 3:6-23.
 - 1) Maturely see yourselves as a field, 3:6-9.

Tanach values: **3:6** from Isaiah 55:10-11; 61:11; **3:8** from Psalm 62:12

- 2) Maturely see yourselves as a building, 3:10-15.

Tanach values: **3:9** from Ps 118:22; 127:1; Zec 6:12-13; **3:10-11** from Pro 10:25; Isa 28:16; **3:12a** from Ps 19:10; Pro 8:10; Isa 54:11-13; **3:12b** from Gen 6:14; 1 Kings 18:5; Ex 5:12; 15:7; **3:13** from Malachi 3:19/4:1; Zep 1:14; **3:14** from Ps 19:11; Isaiah 40:10; 62:11; **3:15** from Amos 4:11; Jer 30:7; Ps 34:19

- 3) Maturely see yourselves as a Temple, 3:16-20.

Tanach values: **3:16** from Exodus 25:8; 1 Kings 6:13; Ezekiel 36:27; Zechariah 8:3; **3:17** from Leviticus 15:31; 20:3; Numbers 19:20; Ezekiel 5:11. **3:18** from Pro 3:7; 26:12; Isa 5:21; Jer 8:8; **3:19** from Job 5:13; **3:20** from Ps 94:11

- 4) Maturely see yourselves as possessors, 3:18-23.

Tanach values: **3:21-23** from Genesis 9:3; Psalm 8:6

2. Mature by how you see your leaders, 4:1-21
 - a. Mature by seeing them as servants, 4:1-5.

- 1) Evaluated by God by faithfulness to Him, 4:1-2

Tanach values: **4:1** from Ex 32:13; Lev 25:42; Ps 119:91; Isa 56:6; **4:2** from Num 12:7; Neh 9:8; Ps 31:23; Daniel 6:4

- 2) Evaluated by people by selfishness in them, 3-4

Tanach values: **4:3** from 1 Samuel 16:7; **4:4** from Ps 143:2; Job 9:2-3, 20; Psalm 50:6

- 3) Evaluated by Messiah by godliness like Him, 5.

Tanach values: **4:5** from Ecclesiastes 12:14; Malachi 3:18

- b. Mature by seeing them as standards, 4: 6-13.

- 1) They model scriptural compliance, 6.

- 2) They manifest sacrificial commitment, 7-13.

Tanach values: **4:6** from Isa 8:19-20; **4:7** from 1 Chr 29:11-16; Pro 2:6; Dan 4:30-32; 5:23; **4:8** from Pro 25:14; Isaiah 5:21; **4:9-11** from Ps 44:22; 79:2-3; 1 Sam 22:17-19; **4:12-13** from 119:161; 143:3; Lam 3:45

- d. Mature by seeing them as parents, 14-21 –or get ready for a spanking!).

Tanach values: **4:14** from Proverbs 3:11-12; 4:1; **4:15-16** from Proverbs 1:8; 10:1; 15:20; 23:22; **4:17** from Exodus 12:49; Numbers 15:16; 1 Chronicles 13:2; Jer 1:7; **4:18-21** from Ps 50:4; 58:11; 82:8; 96:13; 98:9.

Our unity in Messiah is our mature Messianic witness.

- II. Addressing concerns of our walk in Messianic purity, 5:1-6:20
 - A. Our Messianic purity and Immorality, 5:1-13
 - 1. The practice of rebuking an immoral people, 5:1-8.
 - a. Character: paganism, 5:1
 - b. Cause: pride and arrogance, 5:2
 - c. Cure: Passover and remove the chametz; 5:3-8
 - 1) The Passover practice of the removal of chametz, 3-5
 - 2) The Passover problem of the ruin of sin, 6
 - 3) The Passover principle of the redemption from sin, 7-8.

Tanach Values: **1 Cor 5:1** from Lev 18:8; 20:11; Deu 22:30; 27:20; **1 Cor 5:6-8** from Ex 12:14, 19; Deu 16:3

- 2. The policy of rejecting an immoral person, 5:9-13.
 - a. We do not associate with flagrant hypocritical believers, 9-11
 - b. We judge within the Body; God without, 12-13.

Tanach Values: **1 Cor 5: 2-5 & 13** from Deu 13:5; 17:7, 12; 21:21; 22:21

Let us keep the feat, but let's not make a mockery of our faith!

- B. Our Messianic purity and legal greed, 6:1-11
1. The reproach upon believers, 1: the derision of the faithless witness
 2. The readiness of believers, 2-4: the vocation of our forever work.
 3. The remedy for believers, 5-6: the identification of the faithful witnesses. a bet din
 4. The rebukes toward believers, 7-8: The mortification of the fleshly works.
 5. The redemption of believers, 9-11: The instruction in the finished work.
 - a. A truism about God's kingdom, 9.
 - b. A tragedy about non-believers, 10.
 - c. A triumph for all believers, 11.

Tanach Values: **1 Cor 6:2** from Dan 7:18, 22, 27; **1 Cor 6:3** from Ps 8:5-6 (Heb 2:6-8); **1 Cor 6:5** from Ex 18:2-22; Deut 1:15-17; 16:18; 19:15-19; 21:1, 5; Ruth 4:2-11; **1 Cor 6:7** from Lev 25:14, 17; Jer 7:19; Lam 3:36; **1 Cor 6:9-10** from Num 25: 1-11; Jer 7:4-11; Ezek 14:3-11; Mal 3:5; **1 Cor 6:11** from Ezek 22:3-16

- C. Our Messianic purity and casual sex, 6:12-20
1. The body is for the Lord not for casual sex, 12-14
 - a. The correction of misunderstood spiritual liberation, 12.
 - b. The conflict of misapplied natural inclinations, 13.
 - c. The completion of misconstrued physical resurrection, 14.
 2. The body is a member of Messiah; professional sex is perversion, 15-17
 - a. Salvation is Messianic unity.
 - b. Prostitution is pathetic travesty.
 - c. Sanctification is emphatic spirituality.
 3. The body is fragile; personal sex is poison, 18.
 4. The body is a Temple of the Spirit, desecration denies the price, 19-20
 - a. The purpose of the redeemed body, 19a.
 - b. The price of the redeemed body, 19b-20a.
 - c. The practice of the redeemed body, 20b.

Tanach Values_ **1 Cor 6:13** from Gen 1:27; **1 Cor 6:16** from Gen 2:24; **1 Cor 6:18** from Gen 39:12; **1 Cor 6:19-20** from Ezek 37:26-28; 43:7

Conclusion: your body is for Adonai's glory; purity is your maturity.

Part 2. Answering questions re: wisdom for our maturity, 1 Cor 7-16. **1 Cor 7:1** Now concerning

I. Questions about Marriage, 7:1-40

A. Marriage & lust, 7:1-9,

1. The Normal Marriage Condition: selfless duty, 7:1-6.

Tanach values: **7:1-6** from Proverbs 6:29; Deuteronomy 24:5; 1 Samuel 21:5; Pro 5:18-19; Ecc 9:9.

2. The Unneeded Marriage Condition: self-discipline, 7:7-9

Tanach values: **7:9** from Genesis 43:31; 1 Samuel 13:12

B. Marriage & divorce, 7:10-16; The Abnormal Marriage Condition

1. Believers are not to initiate divorce, 7:10-11

a. The command: no not leave.

b. The consequences: do not remarry.

2. Ministry to the non-believing spouse, 7:12-16

a. Stay in marriage, 7:12-13

b. Sanctify the family, 7:14-15 (parenthesis, 7:15, let them go if they want to go)

c. Save the lost, 7:16.

Tanach values: **7:10-16** is Gen 2:24

C. Marriage as a remaining condition, **7:17-24** The Principle, 7:17, 24 As the Lord has called you

Tanach values: **7:17** is from Numbers 26:53, 55; Joshua 14:5, etc

1. The Principle illustrated thru bris, 7:17-20; the unchangeable condition

Tanach values: **7:18-19** is from Deuteronomy 30:6; Jeremiah 9:25-26; Genesis 16:5.

2. The Principle illustrated thru slavery, 21-24; the changeable condition

Tanach value: **7:22** from 2 Kings 5:18-19

D. Marriage and virgins, 7:25-38

1. Wisdom in distressing times, 7:25-28

2. Wisdom in shortened times, 7:29-31

3. Wisdom for undivided concern, 7:32-38

Tanach values: **7:25-38** from Isaiah 62:1-5; Jer 31:4-13

E. Marriage and widows, 7:39-40

1. Widows are free to remarry in the Lord, 39.

2. Widows are happier to not remarry, 40.

You're complete in Messiah: Your social condition is your spiritual opportunity not your personal fulfillment.

II. Questions about Liberty, 8-11: **Love Limits Liberty**

1 Cor 8-11 limiting our liberty as to: weaker believers (8), unbelievers (9), and the Lord (10). Rights (etsousia) is freedom of choice, 8:9 (liberty); 9:4 (right), 5, 6, 12, 18; 11:10 (authority).

A. When is Liberty abusive to Weaker Believers: liberty based on knowledge
1 Corinthians 8:1-13

1. When it is a substitute for love, 8:1-7

a. Then it isn't maturity in the Lord, 1

b. Then it isn't intimacy with the Lord, 2-3

Tanach values: **8:1-3** from 8:1-3 from Dt 6:5; Lev 19:18; Jer 9:23-24

c. Then it isn't ministry for the Lord, 4-7

Tanach values: **8:4-6** from Deut 6:4

2. When it is stumbles to the least, 8:8-11

Tanach values: **8:9** from Lev 19:14 (Deut 27:28), Isaiah 57:14-15; Eze 18:30; 44:12; Ps 119:165

3. When it is a sin against the Lord, 8:12-13

We learn to be prioritizing people above pleasure, possessions and power.

Tanach values: **8:11-12** from Isa 53:5-6

Do not discourage weaker believers but edify the least!
The result of learning is to be love, so our "liberties" will minister life.

B. The Sacrifice of My Rights for Successful Service: liberty based on rights
1 Corinthians 9:1-27

In 9:1-14: Paul notes his right to receive compensation for his service in Messiah:

- 1) as to his position, 9:1-2
- 2) as to what's reasonable, 9:3-4
- 3) as to what's fair, 9:5-6
- 4) as to the Torah, 9:7-11
- 5) as to the Temple service, 9:12-13
- 6) as to the Messiah's teaching, 9:14

So, don't let your rights become a hindrance to the Good News, 9:12.

Tanach values **9:7** is from Pro 27:18; Deu 20:6; **9:8-9** is from Deu 25:4; **9:13** in Lev 6:16, 26; 7:6, 31-38

1. Self-supported: the sacrifice of preaching fees to win souls, 9:15-18
 - a. His Responsibility, 9:15-16.
 - b. His Reward, 9:17-18.

Tanach value: **9:16** from Jer 20:8-9 & Eze 33:2-11; **9:17** from Ps 110:3; **9:18** from Isa 40:10; 62:11

2. Self-denial: the sacrifice of personal freedom to win souls, 9:19-23
 - a. My volition in self-denial for winning people, 9:19
 - b. My varieties of self-denial in winning people, 9:20-22, by the syntax it is two groups.
 - 1) To the Jews, 20-21:
 - a) To the Torah abiding Jews, 20: we may live more stringently for the Good News
 - b) To the Torah-less Jews, 21: we may live less stringently for the Good News
 - 2) To the weak, 22 (Gentiles weak in conscience defiled, 8:7; stumbled, 8:9; ruined, 8:11)
 - c. My investment thru self-denial in winning people, 23.

Tanach values: **9:19** in Ex 20:14-15; 1 Sam 21:4-5; Jer 30:9. **9:23** from Psalm 19:10; 119:103

3. Self-control: the sacrifice of present fulfillment, 9:24-27
 - Be committed to successful service in the Good News, 9:24.
 - Use self-control in everything for the Good News, and not for perishable things, 9:25.
 - So have certain aim and focus for the Good News; don't swing wildly, 9:26.
 - Use what is under your stewardship for God's purpose in the Good News, 9:27.
 - We control ourselves to accomplish the will of God in the Good News.

Tanach values: **9:25** from Gen 43:31.

Surrender your personal rights now to enjoy eternal rewards forever!
Never distract from the Good News but evangelize the lost.

C. The Mature Exalt the Lord of Liberty: liberty based on position
1 Corinthians 10:1-11:1

1. The Malfunction of exalting God, 10:1-10: Foolishness before the Lord
 - a. Israel were privileged people, 10:1-4
 - 1) Their privileged protection: Identified with Moses, 10:1-2
 - 2) Their privileged provision: Satisfied with Messiah, 10:3-4.

Tanach values: **10:1-2** from Ex 13:21-22; 14:29-31. **10:3-4** from Ex 16:4; Ps 78:24-25; Ex 17:7-8, Num 20:10-12

- b. Israel was presumptuous examples, 10:5-10

Tanach values: **10:7** from Ex 32:6; 10:8 from Num 25; **10:9** from Num 21; **10:10** from Num 16:11, 32-33, 35, 41, 49

The unprivileged faithful please the Lord; the privileged faithless displease the Lord.

2. The exhortation for exalting God, 10:11-14: Followers of the Lord
 - a. Learn to be wise and beware, 10:11-12
 - b. Learn to endure and evade, 10:13-14

Tanach values: **10:11-12** from Ex 17:14; 24:12; Jos 1:8; **10:13** from Jer 12:5; Deu 7:9; Isa 25:1; Ex 3:17; Ps 125:3; Dan 3:17; Ps 124:7; **10:14** from Ex 23:13, 24; Jer 51:6

The mature are implementing the truth; the immature are irresponsible in trials.

3. The application for exalting God, 10:15-22: Our Fellowship with the Lord
 - a. Messianic Fellowship is participation in His sacrifice, 16-17:
 - b. Altar Fellowship is participation in principle, 18:
 - c. Pagan Fellowship is participation with demons, 19-20
 - d. Decided Fellowship is participation or provocation, 21-22:

Tanach values: **10:16-18** from Lev 7:6, 15-17; Deu 12:17-18; **10:19** from Isa 41:29; **10:20** from Lev 17:7; Dt 32:16-17; Ps 106:37; **10:21** from 1 Kg 18:21; Zep 1:5; **10:22** from Ex 20:5; 34:14; Dt 4:24; 32:16; Eze 22:14

The mature are partakers by faith; the immature are playing with fire.

D. Liberty Applications, 10:23-11:34

Application 1. Glorify God regarding food, 10:23-11:1: **Our Freedom in the Lord**

- a. Dedication to other's prosperity, 10:23-24: Be sure you live to seek profit others
- b. Recognition of our liberty, 10:25-27: Be sure not to distract from what edifies
- c. Prioritization of believer's frailty, 10:28-30: Sacrifice of personal freedom
- d. Exhortation for His glory, 10:31-11:1: Be sure to live for Yeshua with a concern for all

Tanach values: **10:26** from Dt 10:14; Ps 24:1

The mature major in the majors; immature major in the minors: Do not dishonor His name but exalt the Lord

Application 2. Glorify God regarding marriage: Functional Subordination in a Faithful Society
1 Corinthians 11:2-16

Liberty abused: in the witness in culture (11:2-16), in worship thru ceremony (11:17-34).

- a. Functional subordination as a universal principle of Headship, 11:2-3
 - 1) The issues of headship: Father-Son-husband-wife; in Scripture, society is ordered in 5 ways: in society, work, assembly, marriage, and family.
 - 2) Functional subordination: Jn 5:18ff; Jn 10:30.

Tanach values: **11:3** from Pro 30:4; Ps 2:7, 12; Isa 9:6

- b. Functional subordination as a religious custom of that community, 11:4-7
 - 1) The dishonor of the head by men, 11:4:
 - 2) The dishonor of the head by women, 11:5-6:

Tanach values: **11:5-7** from Gen 2:25

- c. Functional subordination as a symbolic custom from creation, 11:8-12
 - 1) The creation glory for men & women, 11:7
 - 2) It does symbolizes creation calling, 11:8-10
 - 3) It doesn't symbolize gender superiority, 11:11-12

Tanach values: **11:8** from Gen 2:7; **11:9** from Gen 2:18, 22; **11:10** from 2 Kgs 6:17

- d. Functional subordination as a distinction custom in Corinth, 11:13-15
 - 1) Principle of personal responsibility, 11:13
 - 2) Principle of proper identity, 11:14-15

Tanach values: from 11:14 from Deuteronomy 22:5

- e. Functional insubordination as a contentious custom of the Corinthians, 11:16.

Tanach values: **11:16** from Pro 21:9; 26:20-21

The spiritual content are not culturally contentious!

Application 3. Glorify God regarding ceremonies: The Factions of the Faith
1 Corinthians 11:17-34

- a. Factions exist despite Messiah's death, 11:17-19.

Tanach values: **11:17-19** from Pro 17:14, 18:1, 20:5

- b. Factions evidenced by Messiah's death, 11:20-22

Tanach values: **11:20-22** is from Exodus 12:48

- c. Factions ended in Messiah's death, 11:23-34
- 1) The demonstration of His death, 11:23-25
 - a) The bread
 - b) The cup

Tanach values: **11:25** from Deuteronomy 16:3, Isaiah 53:4, 7; Genesis 49:10-11

- 2) The declaration of His death, 11:26

Tanach values: **11:26** from Deuteronomy 16:1

- 3) The desecration of His death, 11:27:

Tanach values: **11:27** from Ex 12:16, 19, Num 9:13

- 4) The discipline in His death, 11:28-32
 - a) The discipline of rigorous self-examination, 28-31
 - b) The discipline of righteous judgment by the Lord, 32:

Tanach values: **11:28-32** from Psalm 139:23; Amos 3:2

- 5) The deference to His death, 11:33-34

Tanach values: **11:33-34** from Psalm 32:1-6

His love will limit your liberty or your liberty will limit His love!

III. Questions about Gifts, 1 Cor 12:1-14:40

A. The Giver of the gifts, 12:1-31

Introduction: spiritual chaos

1. The gifts are directed by the Giver, 12:1-11: The sovereignty of the Lord manifested
 - a. Directed to exalt His worth, 12:1-3.
 - b. Directed to edify His work, 12:4-7.
 - c. Directed to express His will, 12:8-11.

Tanach values: **12:1-3** from Ex 31:1-7; 35:30-31, 34-35; 36:1-2; Deut 13:1-11; 1 Kings 7:14

2. The gifts are determined by the Giver, 12:12-27: The unity in the Lord ministered
 - a. Determined to differ from each other, 12:12-19.
 - b. Determined to depend on each other, 12:20-22.
 - c. Determined to defer to each other, 12:23-27.

Tanach values: **12:12-27** from 2 Sam 7:8; 1 Kings 3:9, 12, 28; Dan 1:17; 2:21

3. The gifts are designated by the Giver, 12:28-31a: The authority from the Lord mandated
 - a. Designated by position, 12:28.
 - b. Designated by possession, 12:29-30.
 - c. Designated by priority, 12:31a.

Tanach values: **12:28-31** from Num 16:1-5, 9-10

Unless you're right with the Giver, you're wrong with the gift!

B. The greater than the gifts, 13:1-13

1. Love is profitable; gifts are useless without love, 13:1-3
 - a. Gift of eloquence: communicating truth is useless without love, 1
 - b. Gift of :prophecy: comprehending truth is useless without love, 2a
 - c. Gift of faith: conquering truth is useless without love, 2b
 - d. Gift of giving: consecrating truth is useless without love, 3

Tanach values: **13:1-3** from Genesis 29:20; Deut 7:7-8; Hos 14:5

2. Love is perfecting; gifts are defective without love, 13:4-7
 - a. Love is content, not competitive, 4a
 - b. Love is considerate, not conceited, 4b-6
 - c. Love is comprehensive, not confined, 7
 - d. Love is conquering, not conquered, 8a

Tanach values: **13:4-7** from Leviticus 19:18, 34; Proverbs 10:12

3. Love is permanent, gifts are doomed without love, 13:8-12
 - a. Love is perpetual; gifts are temporary, 8b
 - b. Love is perfect; gifts are partial, 9-10
 - c. Love is perceptive; gifts are indistinct, 11-12
 - 1) The maturity of love and the immaturity of gifts, 11
 - 2) The clarity of love and the obscurity of gifts, 12

Tanach values: **13:8-12** from Jer 31:3

4. Love is preeminent, gifts are irrelevant without love, 13:13

Tanach values: **13:13** from Deut 6:5; Psalm 145:20

Love is to be pursued, not gifts, as the Lord is to be sought, not His blessings.
Your lack of growth comes not from a lack of gifts, but a lack of love.
Seeking love is seeking God; seeking gifts; is seeking self.

C. The guidance of the gifts, 14:1-40

Guidance Part 1: Love Edifies the Congregation thru the Gifts,
1 Corinthians 14:1-26

1. The congregation's edifying priority for gifts: Is it constructive for all? 14:1-5
 - a. Is it directed to all? 14:1-3
 - b. Is it developing of all? 14:4
 - c. Is it desirous for all? 14:5

Tanach values: **14:1, 5** from Num 11:28-29; **14:2** from Deu 28:49; **14:3ff** from 1Ki 6:2 ff, 8:17, 43

2. The congregation's edifying practice of gifts: Is it communicating to all? 14:6-19
 - a. All congregational preaching is to be edifying, 14:6-12
 - b. All congregational praying is to be edifying, 14:13-17
 - c. All congregational participation is to be edifying, 14:18-19

Tanach values: **14:8** from Num 10:9; Neh 4:18-21; **14:10-11** from Gen 11:7; **14:13-17** from 1 Sam 1:10-15

3. The Congregation's edifying purpose in gifts: Is it convincing thru all? 14:20-26
 - a. Languages misused by all would bring confusion, 14:20-23
 - b. Love ministered by all would bring conviction, 14:24-26

Tanach values: **14:21-22** from Deu 28:49; Isa 28:11-12; Jer 5:15; **14:23** from Hosea 9:7; **14:25** from Zec 8:23

Thus, in all things (26), love:

- ✧ determines growth within you,
- ✧ disseminates grace between you, and
- ✧ discloses God among you.

Guidance Part 2: Congregational Love is Not Chaotic, but Controlled by Grace,
1 Corinthians 14:27-40

1. Congregational love has regulations, 14:27-33
 - a. There is regulation for languages, 14:27-28

 - b. There is regulation for learning, 14:29-33

Tanach values: **14:27-33** from Isa 54:11; Judges 6:24; Isa 9:6

2. Congregational love has restrictions, 14:34-38
 - a. Restriction upon the ladies, 14:34-35

 - b. Restriction upon the leaders, 14:36-38

Tanach values: **14:34-35** from Gen 3:16; Num 30:6-8; **14:36-38** from Deut 13:1-5, Zep 3:4; Jer 14:14; 23:16; Ezek 13:3, 17

3. Congregational love has reasonableness, 14:39-40
 - a. Love is reasonable in its commands, 14:39

 - b. Love is reasonable in its conduct, 14:40

Tanach values: **14:39-40** from 1 Ki 7:37, Ps 110:4, Job 38:12.

When God is honored thru love there is harmony, not havoc.

IV. Questions about resurrection, 1 Cor 15

Resurrection Matters:
1 Corinthians 15:1-58

1. A historical matter: There was a verifiable resurrection of Yeshua, 15:1-11
 - a. The resurrection is verifying the work of His salvation, 15:1-2
 - b. The resurrection is verified by the word of His Scripture, 15:3-4
 - c. The resurrection is verified by the witness of His servants, 15:5-11.

Tanach values **15:1-11** from Deuteronomy 4:3, 9-10; Lev 23:41-43; Isa 43:10-12; 44:8

2. A logical matter, 15:12-19: There is a resurrection for us

Tanach values **15:12-19** from Gen 5:24; 22:5; Ex 3:6; Isa 26:19; 25:8-9

3. The mediatorial matter, 15:20-28: Reishit, the First Fruits offering
 - a. Beginning of the Mediatorial reign: The first fruits resurrection guarantees that believers will be glorified, 15:20-23:
 - b. End of the Mediatorial reign: The first fruits resurrection guarantees that the Father is glorified, 15:24-28.

Tanach values **15:20-28** from Lev 23:10-12; Isa 25:8; Psalm 8:6

4. A motivational matter, 15:29-34

Tanach values **15:29-34** from Psalm 44:22; Isaiah 22:13; 56:12

5. The material matter, 15:35-41 (How & What)

Tanach values **15:35-41** from Dan 12:3-5; Gen 15:5; 22:17; 26:4; Isa 45:25; 46:13; Pro 2:2-5

6. The scriptural matter, 15:42-49

Tanach values **15:42-49** from Gen 2:7; Hosea 6:7

7. The transformational matter, 15:50-58: Yom Teruah, Day of Trumpets
 - a. What is the Last Trumpet, 15:50-53?
 - b. What is removed, 15:54-58?

Tanach values **15:50-53** from Lev 23:24; Zec 9:14; Isa 25:8; **15:54-58** from Isa 53:12; Ezek 18:4

The resurrection of Messiah's body guarantees the resurrection of Messiah's Body

V. Questions about collections: **16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints**
Paul and Planning for Ministry:
Concerning the Collection for the Saints,
1 Corinthians 16:1-9

- A. The preparation for the ministry, 16:1-4
1. Preparation was a uniform stewardship, 16:1.
 2. Preparation with a local Jewish sensitivity, 16:2.
 3. Preparation for an international Jewish testimony, 16:3-4.

Tanach values: **16:1-2** from Num 15:5, 6, 8, 12.

- B. The planning for your ministry, 16:3-9
1. Jerusalem: 16:3-4
 2. Macedonia, 16:5
 3. Corinth, 16:6-7

Tanach values: **16:7** from 2 Samuel 15:25; Proverbs 19:21; Lamentations 3:37
4. Ephesus, 16:8-9

Tanach values: 16:3 from Malachi 1:11; 16:8 from Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:16; 2 Chronicles 8:13

- C. The priority in your ministry, 16:9:

Tanach values: **16:9** from Psalm 78:23; Exodus 23:22

When you plan for your service, you plan for your success!

VI. Questions about Apollos, **1 Cor 16:10-12, 12** But concerning Apollos our brother

- A. Timothy, 16:10-11
B. Apollos, 16:12

Conclusion of Final exhortations: 1 Cor 16:13-24

- ✧ Be spiritually alert, 13-14.
- ✧ Be spiritually yielded, 15-18.
- ✧ Be spiritually gracious, 19-21.
- ✧ Be spiritually aware, 22.
- ✧ Be spiritually Messiah-centered, 22-24.

Tanach values: **16:22** from Lev 27:28; Num 21:3; Deu 7:26.