

August 2026 Bible Reading Plan

1 Corinthians

“Gospel Living in a Gritty Culture”

Introduction to 1 Corinthians:

Welcome to August! We are jumping from the Old Testament wilderness straight into the urban chaos of ancient Greece. The church in Corinth was a total mess. They were arguing over preachers, taking each other to court, causing chaos in worship services, and struggling with the hyper-sexualized culture surrounding them. Sound familiar? The Apostle Paul writes this letter not to beat them down, but to show how the Cross of Christ completely changes our lives. The impact of the Gospel should change how we handle money, relationships, conflict, and church life.

August Reading Schedule: 1 Corinthians

Week 1 (August 1–8) Cross-Shaped Wisdom

1 Corinthians 1–4. Divided Circles: True wisdom vs. human pride and church division.

Aug 1–2: 1 Corinthians 1 (Divisions in the church; Christ the power and wisdom of God)

Aug 3–4: 1 Corinthians 2 (Preaching Christ crucified, not human eloquence)

Aug 5–6: 1 Corinthians 3 (Spiritual immaturity; building on the right foundation)

Aug 7–8: 1 Corinthians 4 (The ministry of the apostles as servants)

Week 2 (August 9–15) Holiness in Everyday Life

1 Corinthians 5–8. Sex, Lawsuits, & Freedom: Living purely in a compromised culture.

Aug 9–10: 1 Corinthians 5–6 (Dealing with moral failure; lawsuits among believers)

Aug 11–13: 1 Corinthians 7 (Marriage, singleness, and devotion to God) >>

Aug 14–15: 1 Corinthians 8 (Food sacrificed to idols; prioritizing your brother's conscience)

Week 3 (August 16–22) Rights and Rituals

1 Corinthians 9–12. Order & Edification: Spiritual gifts and corporate worship.

Aug 16–17: 1 Corinthians 9 (Surrendering your personal rights for the sake of the Gospel)

Aug 18–19: 1 Corinthians 10 (Warnings from Israel's history; flee from idolatry)

Aug 20–22: 1 Corinthians 11–12 (The Lord's Supper dynamic; One Body, many spiritual gifts)

Week 4 (August 23-31) The Core Elements

1 Corinthians 13–16. Love & Resurrection: The ultimate motive and our ultimate Hope.

Aug 23–25: 1 Corinthians 13 (The Love Chapter: Without love, we are nothing)

Aug 26–28: 1 Corinthians 14 (Prophecy, tongues, and orderly worship)

Aug 29–30: 1 Corinthians 15 (The Resurrection of Christ: The foundational anchor of our faith)

Aug 31: 1 Corinthians 16 (The collection for the saints and final personal greetings)

August Reflection Prompts

-On Unity (Ch. 1-3): Am I contributing to unity or division in my local church by the way I talk about leaders and/or preferences?

-On Liberty (Ch. 8): Is there something I have the "right" to do, but should choose to lay down because it might cause a fellow believer to stumble?

-On Love (Ch. 13): Read verses 4–7 and replace the word "Love" with your own name. Where does the sentence break down for you, and where do you need the Holy Spirit to grow you this week?