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**BACKGROUND:** Corinth was the capital city of Achaia just west of Athens

**THE PROBLEM and GOD'S PURPOSE:** – Paul wrote to reprove, correct and instruct God's people.

### **OUTLINE:**

#### **Part #1 – (Chap. 1-6) – Problems in the Church**

- 1:1-9 ... Introduction
- 1:10-4:21 ... Problem of disunity
- 5:1-13 ... Problem of **tolerating sin**
- 6:1-8 ... Problem of **legal controversies**
- 6:9-20 ... Problem of **sexual immorality**

#### **Part #2 – (Chapters 7-16) – Questions – from the Church**

- 7:1-40 ... Questions about Marriage
- 8:1-11:1 ... Questions about Idols
- 11:2-14:40 ... Questions about Worship
- 15:1-58 ... Questions about Doctrine
- 16:1-4 ... Question about the Collection for the Saints in Jerusalem...
- 16:5-24 ... Exhortations and greetings

### **LESSONS...**

**1<sup>st</sup> – The Lesson of THE CHURCH – 1:2-9**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> – The Lesson of CHRISTIAN CARNALITY**

Solution:

## **3<sup>rd</sup> – The Lesson of CHRISTIAN LIBERTY – 7:23; 8:4-13.**

### **GUIDELINES FOR THE EXERCISE OF OUR CHRISTIAN LIBERTIES**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Will This Be Helpful To Me? – 1 Corinthians 6:12a**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Could This Bring Me Into Bondage? – 1 Corinthians 6:12b**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Will This Be Helpful or Hurtful To Others? – 1 Corinthians 10:23-24... 8:9-13**

**4<sup>th</sup> – Will This Bring Glory To God? – 1 Corinthians 6:20... 10:31**

## **4<sup>th</sup> – The Lesson of SELF-DENIAL – 4:11-16; 9:1-12,19-27; 10:33-11:1**

## **5<sup>th</sup> – The Lesson of the PREMINENCE OF GRACES OVER GIFTS – 12:31-13:13**