

Bible Readings Book by Book week 86 – w/c 25/6/23

Week 86

Monday: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. Count the times Paul uses the words “Do you not know” in these verses. These are things we ought to know and understand! Consider each one and make sure you are clear about these truths. If not, discuss them with a mature Christian and get them clear in your mind and heart.

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 7:1-24. These verses give great teaching on sex and marriage, but the emphasis is clear, that becoming a Christian doesn’t mean that we should immediately change our circumstances. Verse 24 is a general principle and we should only make changes as the Holy Spirit directs. Is he speaking to you about any specific area of your life or relationships?

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 7:25-40. Whether married or single, what do you find gets in the way of being totally devoted to the Lord? What is God asking you to give up, so that he becomes more central in your life?

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 8:1-6. Knowing and understanding truth or doctrine is less important than treating others with love according to verse 1. Just because you are clear on ethical issues, others need to be loved and helped whatever their level of understanding, whether about food dedicated to idols, or any other controversial subject.

Friday: 1 Corinthians 8:7-13. These verses remind us that what may be sin to one person may be acceptable to others. We should not do anything that goes against our conscience, but nor should we make others comply with our standards – if necessary, we should willingly lay aside our freedom so that others are not discouraged or led to do something that for them would be sin. What issues would these principles apply to in our culture?

Weekend: 1 Corinthians 9:1-14. Paul didn’t just preach to the Corinthians the importance of caring for others in making decisions and exercising freedom. He practiced it. He gave up a lot to serve them. What are you willing to give up ministering and serving others?