WHAT'S THE POINT KNOW GOD 1 Corinthians Daniel Cassels May 14, 2023

1. _____ IS THE POINT

For my part, brothers and sisters, I was not able to speak to you as spiritual people but as people of the flesh, as babies in Christ. ² I gave you milk to drink, not solid food, since you were not yet ready for it. In fact, you are still not ready, ³ because you are still worldly. For since there is envy and strife among you, are you not worldly and behaving like mere humans? ⁴ For whenever someone says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not acting like mere humans? ⁵ What then is Apollos? What is Paul? They are servants through whom you believed, and each has the role the Lord has given. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 1 Corinthians 3:1–6

²¹ So let no one boast in human leaders, for everything is yours—²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come—everything is yours, ²³ and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God. 1 Corinthians 3:21–23

¹⁶ Therefore I urge you to imitate me. ¹⁷ This is why I have sent Timothy to you. He is my dearly loved and faithful child in the Lord. He will remind you about my ways in Christ Jesus, just as I teach everywhere in every church. 1 Corinthians 4:16–17

2. THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE _

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and the kind of sexual immorality that is not even tolerated among the Gentiles—a man is sleeping with his father's wife. ² And you are arrogant! Shouldn't you be filled with grief and remove from your congregation the one who did this? 1 Corinthians 5:1–2

If any of you has a dispute against another, how dare you take it to court before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? ² Or don't you know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the trivial cases? 1 Corinthians 6:1–2

¹² "Everything is permissible for me," but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible for me," but I will not be mastered by anything. 1 Corinthians 6:12

⁴ A wife does not have the right over her own body, but her husband does. In the same way, a husband does not have the right over his own body, but his wife does. 1 Corinthians 7:4

¹⁷ Let each one live his life in the situation the Lord assigned when God called him. This is what I command in all the churches. 1 Corinthians 7:17

Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that "we all have knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ² If anyone thinks he knows anything, he does not yet know it as he ought to know it. ³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by him. 1 Corinthians 8:1-3

²³ "Everything is permissible," but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible," but not everything builds up. ²⁴ No one is to seek his own good, but the good of the other person. 1 Corinthians 10:23–24

³¹ So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. ³² Give no offense to Jews or Greeks or the church of God, ³³ just as I also try to please everyone in everything, not seeking my own benefit, but the benefit of many, so that they may be saved. Imitate me, as I also imitate Christ. 1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1

3. _____ BETTER IS THE POINT

⁴ Now there are different gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are different ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are different activities, but the same God works all of them in each person. ⁷ A manifestation of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good... 1 Corinthians 12:4–7

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not arrogant, ⁵ is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not irritable, and does not keep a record of wrongs. ⁶Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends... 1 Corinthians 13:4–8

¹² So also you—since you are zealous for spiritual gifts,¹ seek to excel in building up the church. 1 Corinthians 14:12

⁴⁰ But everything is to be done decently and in order. 1 Corinthians 14:40

⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58

 $^{\rm 13}$ Be alert, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. $^{\rm 14}$ Do everything in love. 1 Corinthians 16:13–14

⁹ If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation. Romans 10:9–10

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