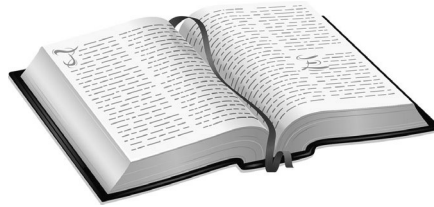


# *Bible Correspondence Fellowship*

## Answer Sheet for New Living Translation (NLT)



### *1 Corinthians - Lesson 2 of 5*

Chapter five is the beginning of a section of 1 Corinthians that deals with several very specific and practical issues.

**Please memorize the following verse and be prepared to write it out at the end of this lesson.**

*Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.*  
(1 Corinthians 6:19-20 – NLT).

### *Chapter 5*

#### **CHURCH DISCIPLINE**

**Read 1 Corinthians 5:1- 12 \_\_\_\_\_ Check**

1. (v. 5:1) In what form of immoral behavior was someone in the Corinthian church involved? sexual immorality

2. (v. 5:2) What was the Corinthians' response to this sin?  
they were proud of themselves

What should their response have been?  
you should be mourning in sorrow and shame

3. (v. 5:3) What was Paul's reaction to this situation?

He had already passed judgment on this man

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4. (vs. 5:4-5) What does Paul instruct to the believers to do about the sin of the member of the church? Meet and decide to throw the man out and over to Satan

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**Note:** To deliver one over to Satan means to put him out of the church body, the local assembly, hence into Satan's sphere, for he is the god of this age.

(2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 John 5:19)

5. (v. 5:6) Describe the meaning of the metaphor Paul uses to describe the effects of a sinful behavior being allowed in the church.

this sin is like a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough.

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6. (v. 5:7) What Old Testament event is Christ compared to in this verse?

Passover

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**Note:** The Book of Exodus describes how God sent a plague on the land of Egypt in which the firstborn son of every household would die in one night (Exodus 12:1-30). However, God instructed the Israelites to kill a lamb and place its blood on the doorposts of their homes. When the angel of death passed by that house and saw the blood on the door he would not bring death to that household. That Passover Lamb was symbolic of Jesus Christ. When we have accepted Christ as our savior then God sees the blood of the "Passover Lamb" and spiritual death will not touch us.

7. (vs. 5:9-11) What does Paul command about associating with Christians living immoral lives? not to associate with people who indulge in sexual sin.

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Does this apply to associating with unbelievers as well? no

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8. (vs. 5:12-13) What is the difference between how the Christian responds to unbelievers and to believers.

it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning.

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You must remove the evil person from among you.

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God will judge those on the outside

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# Chapter 6

## LAWSUITS AMONG BELIEVERS

Read 1 Corinthians 6:1-8 \_\_\_\_\_ Check

1. (v. 6:1) What was apparently happening among the believers in the church in Corinth?  
They were taking their disputes to a secular court instead of taking it  
to other believers

**Note:** In verses 2 and 3 Paul says that the believers will “judge the world” and again that they will “judge angels.” This is the only time in his epistles that Paul refers to either of these responsibilities. However, whatever he means by this, the point is clear that the believers should be able to settle arguments and disputes among themselves.

2. (v. 6:4) What is Paul’s instructions to the believers for handling these disputes?  
They were going to outside judges who are not respected by the church
3. (vs. 6:5-6) How have those with disputes brought shame on the church and the name of Christ? Unbelievers are witness to the handling of these disputes
4. (v. 6:7) What would be a better course of action than the Corinthians were taking?  
Why not just accept the injustice and leave it at that?  
Why not let yourselves be cheated?

**Note:** This is the first of several references that Paul makes in the book of 1 Corinthians about not insisting on our rights. Paul makes a number of comments in this epistle that a Christian should be willing to forgo things to which they are entitled for the sake of the glory of God and the greater good of the Church, the Body of Christ.

## THE WICKED WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 and answer the following questions.

5. (v.6:9) Who will not inherit the kingdom of God? those who do wrong
6. (vs. 6:9-10) List some of the examples Paul gives to describe “the wicked.”  
Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery,  
homosexuals, thieves, greedy people, drunkards, abusive, cheaters.

7. (v. 6:11) Did this describe the character of some of the Corinthians before they came to Christ? Yes<sup>x</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_
8. (v. 6:11) What three works of God are listed which indicate that the Corinthians have been changed?  
1. cleansed 2. made holy 3. made right with God
9. How were these things accomplished?  
by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

**Note:** This passage is not saying that a person that does any of these things will not go to heaven. Some of the Corinthians themselves were guilty of these very same sins. Paul is showing that in Christ, God now sees us as new creations. Positionally we have been made clean and are sanctified and justified in God's sight. This position is not based on anything which we have done but is rather a work of God through the Holy Spirit based on the death of Jesus Christ.

## **SEXUAL IMMORALITY**

**Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check**

10. (v. 6:13) What were our bodies not created for? sexual immorality  
What were our bodies created for? for the Lord
11. (v. 6:14) What will the power of God that raised the Lord be able to do?  
raise us from the dead by His power,
12. (v. 6:15) How does Paul describe our bodies? your bodies are actually parts of Christ
13. (v. 6:16) How does Paul describe the relationship one has if they have sexual relations with a prostitute? he becomes one body with her

**Note:** In order to reinforce his point Paul quotes from Genesis 2:24 which says, "The two shall become one flesh." This is given in the context of the union of husband and wife. For God, there is no such thing as casual sexual relations. He designed the sexual union to be restricted to married couples, and He expects Christians to regard it in the same way.

14. (v. 6:17) How does he describe one that is united to the Lord? As one spirit with him.

15. (v. 6:18) What clear command does Paul give in this verse?

Run from sexual sin!

How do sexual sins differ from other types of sins?

sexual immorality is a sin against your own body

16. (vs. 6:19-20) It was mentioned above that one theme repeated throughout the book of 1 Corinthians is that Christians should be willing to not demand their rights for the sake of God's glory. Explain, using your own words, how these verses provide the basis for such teaching.

19 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you

and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself. 20 for God bought

you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

## *Chapter 7*

### **MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE**

**Read 1 Corinthians 7:1-39 \_\_\_\_\_ Check**

**General advice on marriage (vss. 1-7)**

1. (v.7:1) How did Paul find out about the concerns the Corinthians had over these issues?

From letters they sent to Paul

2. (v.7:1) What is Paul's main advice for a man? abstain from sexual relations

3. (v.7:2) Because of immorality, what does Paul instruct them to do?

Each man have his own wife and each woman her own husband

4. (vs.7:3-5) What are the responsibilities that husbands and wives have to each other, and why?

The husband should fulfill his wife's sexual needs, and the wife should fulfill her

husband's needs. They each give authority over their body to their spouse unless

they agree to refrain so they can give themselves more completely to prayer.

5. (v.7:6) Are the instructions to not marry in verses 1 and 7 meant to be a command from God or advice from Paul? advice from Paul
6. (v.7:7) How does Paul describe his ability to be content although not married? gift of G

### **Advice to unmarried and widowed people (vs. 7:8-9)**

7. (v. 7:8) What is Paul's advice to this group of people? it's better to stay unmarried
8. (v. 7:9) When does he suggest that single people marry?  
if they can't control themselves,  
It's better to marry than to burn with lust.

### **Advice to the married (vs. 7:10-11)**

9. (v. 7:10) Is this advice being given as Paul's recommendation or as a commandment from the Lord? from the Lord
10. (vss. 7:10-11) What is Paul's general advice concerning someone leaving or divorcing their spouse? Don't leave your spouse. If you do leave, stay single
11. (v. 7:11) If someone does leave their spouse how should they live?  
single life unless they are reconciled.

### **Advice for those in other circumstances (vs. 7:12-16)**

12. (vs. 7:12) Is the following advice from the Lord or Paul's recommendation?  
Paul's recommendation
13. (vss. 7:12-13) Should a believing spouse leave their partner because he or she is an unbeliever? no
14. (vs. 7:13) What should the believing spouse do if his or her partner is willing to remain married? stay with them

15. (vs.14) How does the believer's presence in the marriage effect the relationship?  
brings holiness to the marriage,  
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16. (v. 7:15) What should the believer do if the unbeliever chooses to leave?  
let them go. In such cases the believing husband or wife[e] is no longer bound to the other  
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17. (v. 7:15) How has God called us to live? in peace  
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18. (v. 7:16) What reason does Paul give for the believing partner to remain with the  
unbeliever? Their spouse might be saved because of them  
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**General rules for people in various circumstances (vs. 7:17-24)**

19. (v. 7:17) What is the general rule which Paul lays down for the churches?  
continue to live in whatever situation the Lord has placed you,  
and remain as you were when God first called you.  
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20. (vs. 7:21-22) Were slaves to actively seek their freedom? no  
Were they to accept freedom if it was offered to them? yes
21. (v. 7:22) How were they to view themselves in Christ?  
you are now free in the Lord.  
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22. (v. 7:23) On what basis should believers not become enslaved to men in their minds?  
God paid a high price for you,  
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**Note:** Slavery was an accepted social institution in the Roman Empire. Although Paul recognized that slaves would desire freedom, he never encouraged them to run away from their owners. In other passages Paul gives instructions both to slaves and masters (Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossians 3:22-25). Paul does not endorse the institution of slavery, but he gives guidelines as to how Christians should live regardless of their circumstances in life.

### Advice to unmarried women (vs. 7:25-31)

23. (v. 7:25) Is the advice Paul give in these verses directly from the Lord or his own opinion? Paul's opinion

24. (v. 7:26) How does Paul describe the current situation in Corinth? crisis

**Note:** No one knows for certain what “distress” Paul was referring to. Some have suggested that the believers were experiencing persecution. Others believe Paul is referring to his conviction that the Lord was going to return in his own lifetime. Whatever he was referring to it explains the tentative nature of many of the commands in this chapter.

25. (v. 7:26-27) What is the advice Paul gives to the unmarried?  
If single, stay single.

26. (v. 7:28) What does Paul say to someone that does marry?  
it is not a sin., but they will have troubles,

27. (vss. 7:29-31) How does Paul describe the way the Corinthian believers should live?  
Married people should not focus only on their marriage. Don't be absorbed by joy or weeping or possessions. Don't become attached to worldly things.

### Reasons for remaining single (vss. 7:32-37)

28. (vss. 7:32–35) Describe in your own words the benefit there is for a man or woman to remain unmarried.  
Unmarried can spend time doing the Lord's work and thinking how to please him  
Unmarried can be devoted to the Lord and holy in body and in spirit.  
as few distractions as possible.

29. (vs. 7:36) What is Paul’s advise to a man that is engaged to a woman that is getting older and he would like to marry her? marry her

30. (vs. 7:37) Is it wrong for someone that chooses not to marry his fiancé. no



31. (vs.7:39) How long is a woman bound to be married to her husband?  
as long as he lives.

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32. (vs. 7:39) Under what condition may she remarry and whom may she marry?  
If her husband dies, only if he loves the Lord.

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**Note:** This verse is very important because it is a direct application of the principle that believers should only marry other believers. The most commonly used verse to defend this principle is 2 Corinthians 6:14 which instructs Christians to not be “unequally yoked” with unbelievers.

## *Chapter 8*

### **FOOD SACRIFICED TO IDOLS**

**Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-13** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check**

**Note:** Corinth was a city dominated by paganism. There were dozens of temples to the various Greek gods and food was offered as sacrifices to these gods. It was a common practice if the leftover meat from the sacrifice was not eaten either by the priest or the offerer to sell the meat in the public market. It was impossible to know if the meat one bought was ordinary or if it had been part of a pagan sacrifice. This created a moral dilemma for two groups of Christians. Those that converted from Judaism would have found that eating such food to be detestable. Some of the Gentile believers might associate the meat with the pagan sacrifice in their minds and feel they are somehow defiling themselves by eating it.

This portion of scripture, while directly referring to the question of food sacrificed to idols, also relates principles that can be applied to many other practices which, though not directly forbidden in Scripture, some Christians might disapprove of while others may not be bothered. Read 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1 and Romans 14 to learn more of what Paul says about these “gray areas” of the Christian life.

1. (vs. 8:1-3) Paul says, “knowledge puffs up, but love “builds up”.

Describe in your own words the point that Paul is making in verses 1-3 about the difference between knowledge and love.

knowledge makes us feel important, love strengthens the church.

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Anyone who claims to know all the answers doesn't really know very much  
the person who loves God is the one whom God recognizes.

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2. (vs. 8:4) How are Christians to regard idols?

an idol is not really a god and that there is only one God.

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3. (vss. 8:5-6) How does Paul describe God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ?

There is one God, the Father, by whom all things were created, and for whom we live.  
there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things were created  
and through whom we live.

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4. (vs. 8:7) How does Paul describe the feelings of some Christians that eat meat they are afraid has been offered to idols?

they think of it as the worship of real gods,  
and their weak consciences are violated.

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5. (vs. 8:8) Does eating or not eating certain kinds of food change our relationship with God? no

6. (vss. 8:9-11) How could the eating of meat have a negative effect on a fellow believer?

cause others with a weaker conscience to stumble. 10 For if others see you  
with your superior knowledge eating in the temple of an idol,  
won't they be encouraged to violate their conscience by eating  
food that has been offered to an idol?  
a weak believer for whom Christ died will be destroyed

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7. (vs. 8:12) Against whom do we sin when we do things that violate the conscience of other Christians?  
against Christ.

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8. (vs. 13) How does verse 13 reinforce the recurring theme of 1 Corinthians that Christians should be willing to give up their rights?  
I don't want to cause another believer to stumble. So if we have to give up something to keep others from stumbling, we should.

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Write 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 from memory on the lines below.

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and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself,

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20 for God bought you with a high price.

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So you must honor God with your body.

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