



## THE BIBLE IN VERSE

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### 1 CORINTHIANS

#### CHAPTERS 1 TO 16

##### Chapter 1

Paul writes to Corinth to teach and exhort,  
Being upset by their evil report,  
Preaching the cross as the power of God,  
Giving their spiritual thinking a prod.

##### Chapter 2

Eye has not seen, and the ear has not heard;  
We've, by the Spirit, been fully assured.  
Holy Ghost helps us the deep things to scan,  
Not as the weak, worldly wisdom of man.

##### Chapter 3

Paul the foundation has properly laid.  
Builders, if faithful, will richly be paid.  
We, our own selves, are the temples of God.  
Unholy temples must suffer the rod.

##### Chapter 4

Seek not to judge, but leave that to the Lord,  
He will reveal and will rightly reward.  
Be not puffed up and by honor deceived.  
All that we have, we have freely received.

##### Chapter 5

Foul fornication had flourished with fame,  
Purge the partakers, says Paul, in Christ's name.  
Flee from the brother whose sin is well known,  
Eat not his food, nor abide in his home.

##### Chapter 6

Brother is taking the brother to law,  
This is an obvious spiritual flaw.  
Rather take wrong, and let others defraud,  
Sin cannot enter the kingdom of God.

##### Chapter 7

Man had far better a woman not touch.  
Husband or wife is a burden as such.  
She, from the Lord, his attention will turn,  
Yet, it is better to marry than burn.

##### Chapter 8

Idols are nothing, and likewise their meat,  
Yet it is better, perhaps, not to eat.  
If, through his eating, his brother should fall,  
Paul in this life will eat no flesh at all.

##### Chapter 9

Paul has a ministry lesson to teach,  
Preachers should live of the gospel they preach,  
Serving all people to win more and more,  
Striving to garner the prizes in store.

##### Chapter 10

Israel suffered a terrible shock,  
These are examples, that we may take stock.  
Let us press on and do all things with care,  
God will protect us, and help us to bear.

### **Chapter 11**

Man and the Father and Jesus are heads,  
Woman is subject but not that she dreads.  
In the communion remembrance is made,  
Search your own heart lest damnation be laid.

### **Chapter 12**

Spiritual gifts are expounded by course.  
Manifestations may differ in force.  
All of the parts of the body are one,  
Working together to get the job done.

### **Chapter 13**

One without charity surely is blind.  
Charity suffereth long and is kind.  
Faith, hope, and charity join in the race,  
Charity garners the excellent place.

### **Chapter 14**

Here we are told how we best should be heard.  
Tongues are permissible, plain talk preferred.  
Tongues are a sign and, as such, have a place.  
Prophecy carries the message of grace.

### **Chapter 15**

Jesus has risen, and so shall all men,  
Raised by the Lord, at His coming again.  
Having a body divinely arranged,  
Not all shall sleep, but we all shall be changed.

### **Chapter 16**

Gather your offerings weekly, by course.  
Do all with charity, nothing by force.  
Watch and be steadfast, be manly and strong.  
Let unbelievers be dropped from the throng.