Text: 1 Corinthians 11:27-34
Topic: Discipline. Correction.
Study: First Corinthians
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Avoiding the High Costs of Selfishness

1. Learn to _____ (vv.27-30)

2. Quickly _____ (vv.31, 33-34)

3. Try to _____ (v.32)

1 Cor. 11:27-34

27 Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. 28 A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. 29 For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 30 That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. 31 But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. 32 When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world. 33 So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for each other. 34 If anyone is hungry, he should eat at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment. And when I come I will give further directions. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Read **Matthew 23:11-12**, **Proverbs 16:5** and **1 Peter 5:5**. Why do you think pride and selfishness are such particularly big problems from God's perspective?

   How is selfishness expressed in your life – specifically in your approach to God, worship and church?

2. Describe a painful situation that you now recognize as being God's corrective discipline in your life (not just the cause and effect of sinful choices, à la Galatians 6:7-8).

   Where might your path of sin taken you had God not intervened in that situation?

3. Read **Psalm 139:23-24**. Using your own words, write out a thoughtful and probing prayer that you could pray to help decipher whether a painful situation in your life is "sowing & reaping", "pruning" or "discipline".

4. Describe how the discipline you received from your parents (or the lack thereof) impacted your choices once you moved out on your own.

5. Is there any divine correction you need to respond to now? What specific response is God seeking from you in that particular matter?

We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday
Amos 3-4 & 2Jn.
Monday
Amos 5-6 & 3Jn.
Tuesday
Amos 7-9 & Jude
Wednesday
Obadiah & Rev.1
Thursday
Jonah 1-2 & Rev.2
Friday
Jonah 3-4 & Rev.3
Saturday
Mic.1-2 & Rev.4

Here are some resources which may help you understand and implement the truths presented in this week's sermon.

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