

## Reads and Resources for 1 Corinthians Suggested by Dr. Allen Hilton

### Accessible Articles and Commentaries

[N.T. Wright, \*1 Corinthians for Everyone\*](#)

Professor Wright is a prolific and influential scholar and professor at St. Andrews University in Scotland, who, as an Anglican bishop, never lets himself stray too far from the questions and needs of 21st-century Christians. His “For Everyone” series is a huge help to lay Bible study leaders and Bible readers around the world.

[Douglas A. Campbell, “Paul Wrote 1 Corinthians to a Community in the Middle of a Culture War”, \*Christian Century\* \(Jan 3, 2018\)](#)

Writing amid the American culture wars, when Christians on both sides of the aisle have often grown aggressive and sometimes dehumanizing to others across the political aisle. He reads 1 Corinthians to find help for us in these divided days.

### Sermons and Devotional Helps

[Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, \*Easter Day Sermon of 2004\*](#)

This is my favorite Easter sermon, not only for its remarkable application of resurrection power to our 21st - century situation, but for its admirable brevity. It is more than worth a close reading by everyone, and it is an exemplary sermon for those who are learning to preach.

[Max Lucado, \*Life Lessons from 1 Corinthians: A Spiritual Health Check -Up\*](#)

Millions have found the writings of Max Lucado helpful for their spiritual health. In this twelve - week Bible study guide, with discussion/reflection questions included, he guides the reader to personal evaluation and growth.

### Academic Studies

[Gerd Theissen, \*The Social Setting of Pauline Christianity: Essays on Corinth\*](#)

When Theissen wrote it in the 1980s, at a time when NT theology ruled the day, this book helped give birth to the social historical study of the New Testament and, specifically, Paul’s letters. A brilliant pioneering work!

[Antoinette Clark Wire, \*Corinthian Women Prophets\*](#)

Dr. Wire helps readers immensely as we attempt to make our way through the tangle of Paul's argument about the place and power of female prophets in Corinth. This book helps me a great deal!

[Lucy Pappiatt, \*Women and Worship at Corinth: Paul's Rhetorical Arguments in 1 Corinthians\*](#)

I have only sampled this book on women in Corinth, but others whom I respect have spoken very highly of it – and the issue of women in early Christianity is a prominent one throughout Paul's letter, from "Chloe's people" in chapter 1 to the controversial call for women to be silent in chapter 14.

[Margaret Mitchell, \*Paul and the Rhetoric of Reconciliation: An Exegetical Examination of the Language and Composition of First Corinthians\*](#)

Professor Mitchell, of the University of Chicago Divinity School, is a leading light in late 20th and early-21st century New Testament scholarship. This brilliant book changed the way 1 Corinthians was studied by deftly examining Paul's rhetoric in the letter.

### **Academic Commentaries**

[Gordon Fee, \*The First Epistle to the Corinthians, Revised Edition \(New International Commentary on the New Testament \(NICNT\)\)\*](#)

Professor Fee's commentary is my favorite. He was an excellent scholar, a sensitive reader of texts, and generous servant of the church. The fact that he was also a devout Pentecostal Christian adds a credibility to his searching work with spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12–14.

[Anthony Thiselton, \*The First Epistle to the Corinthians \(New International Greek Testament Commentary\)\*](#)

This commentary reads 1 Corinthians closely as an ancient writing, but always with an eye to how it lands in 21st-century culture. Thiselton looks at Paul's socio-economic status, and the history, geography, economy, social structure, and cultural values of Roman Corinth as a comprehensive setting for the issues of the letter.