

Review Galatians 5:16-23.

Remember that we are to be walking worthy of our calling (Ephesians 4:1) and transformed, not walking as we once did (Ephesians 4:17).

Since many of the Corinthians were converted gentiles, they needed to remember this and leave their old ways behind. Today we are contrasting **dissensions/divisions** with **gentleness**. We'll also contrast **drunkenness** with **self-control**.

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Part 8

Remember that when Paul got to Corinth, he first tried to reach Jews in the synagogues (Acts 18:5), but then seemed to have a lot of fruit with gentiles (18:6-11).

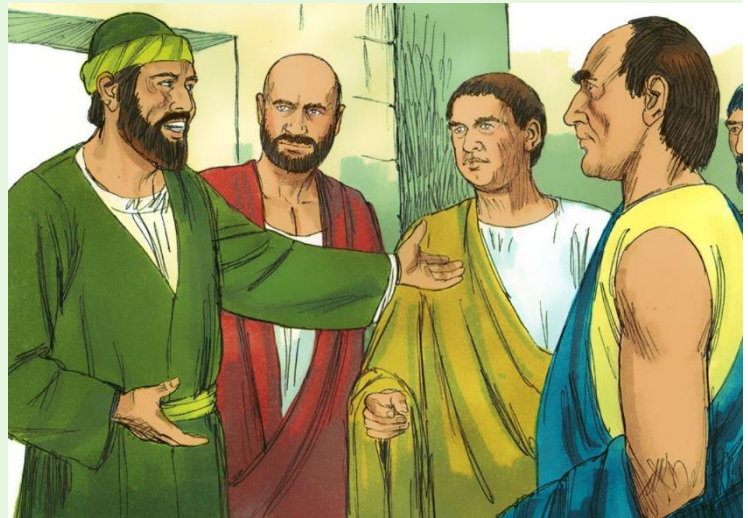


Let's go to 1 Corinthians 1:10-17.

What does this passage say? Summarize what was happening and what could be the lesson here.

According to Proverbs 15:1, if gentleness were cultivated and displayed in a situation like 1 Corinthians 1, what would happen?

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. Proverbs 15:1



What else can gentleness do if displayed in our lives? (Gal. 6:1; Eph. 4:1-2)

The final part of the fruit of the Spirit is **self-control**. Galatians 5:21 lists **drunkenness** as one of the works of the flesh. It is certainly the opposite of **self-control**. 1 Corinthians 11:17-22 & Ephesians 5:15-21 may give us more insight. Read these two passages and respond.

Judging from what is said in these passages, how important do you think **self-control** is for the believer?

Are there other areas besides alcohol in which one might need to exercise **self-control**? What are some of those areas?

Do you struggle with self-control in any of these areas?

Memorize Galatians 5:22 this week.