Corinthian Letters; Listing of Action Appeals

- 1 Cor. 1:10; “I appeal to you brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.” We are to do all we can to maintain unity and a non-judgmental attitude; and allow division only where necessary to maintain the honor of the Lord.
- 1 Cor. 3:18 “Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise." Especially when we study God’s Word, we have to hold on to a ‘humble’, ‘teachable’ mindset knowing that it will only be by grace that we understand what the Spirit reveals to us.
- 1 Cor. 5:11 “Avoid associating with sexually immoral believers”. This is the chapter that dealt with church-discipline and the need for personal separation from those who would pull us away from the Truth.
- 1 Cor. 9:11 “If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your material things?” This chapter dealt with the student’s responsibility in the “teacher-student” relationship. We can see this also in 1 Tim. ch. 5 “The laborer is worthy of his wages. . . Especially those who labor in the word and in doctrine.”
- 1 Cor. 12-14 discussed the meaning and motive for service in the context of our spiritual gifts.
- 2 Cor. 5:20 “We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” This chapter dealt with forgiveness and the need to restore broken relationships.
- 2 Cor 6:17 and 7:1 “Come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing. . . Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.” Paul exhorts us to examine the activities we involve ourselves in to make sure we are not involved in things that will cause moral or spiritual “defilement” in spirit, soul or body.
- 2 Cor. 8 & 9 talk about the believer’s willingness to give financially to other believers who are poor or who are living under persecution.
- Finally, chapter 13 covers two primary principles; the first is examining the health of our faith related to whether we are intentionally moving toward “completeness”; and the second is living in peace with one another, (also compare with Rom. 12:18, “If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all people.)”

None of us will do all these things perfectly, but we can all consider them, pray for guidance and take action on what we *are* able to do.