



Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



Episode 162 - Drifting on the Tide (1 Corinthians)

Economic Considerations

Corinth was a city heavily influenced by its economy. The Christians in Corinth couldn't keep this economic influence from slipping over into their church family.

- What kind of reputation does your church have in your community?
- How does the economic situation in your community affect your congregation?
- What positive things can come from this—both in your congregational family and in your outreach to your community?
- What negative effects can these economic effects bring on your congregation and its reputation in the community?

Cultural Influences

The church at Corinth was largely impacted by the local city culture. This influence showed itself in cliques, sexual immorality, and lawsuits against one another. Paul spends a good deal of his letter talking about these influences and helping the Corinthians recognize the blind spots in their thinking.

- What are some issues that have crept from our culture into our churches, in such a way that church members hardly recognize them as problems?
- What unbiblical cultural or political ideas are you amazed to see being championed by various Christian denominations and pastors?
- What harm does this indiscriminate acceptance of certain ideas cause our churches' younger members or those new to the church?
- What would you say to help open the eyes of a Christian who has been deceived by cultural influences?