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1 CORINTHIANS - PROBLEMS OF A LOCAL CHURCH
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**COMMENTARIES THAT
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Explanation - The following list includes not only commentaries but other Christian works by well known evangelical writers. Most of the resources below are newer works (written after 1970) which previously were available only for purchase in book form or in a Bible computer program. The resources are made freely available by archive.org but have several caveats - (1) they do not allow copy and paste, (2) they can only be checked out for one hour (but can be checked out immediately when your hour expires giving you time to read or take notes on a lengthy section) and (3) they require creating an account which allows you to check out the books free of charge. To set up an account click archive.org and then click the picture of the person in right upper corner and enter email and a password. That's all you have to do. Then you can read these more modern resources free of charge! I have read or used many of these resources but not all of them so ultimately you will need to be a Berean ([Acts 17:11+](#)) as you use them. I have also selected works that are conservative and Biblically sound. If you find one that you think does not meet those criteria please

send an email at <https://www.preceptaustin.org/contact>. The resources are listed in alphabetical order by the author's last name and some include reviews of the particular resource. For hundreds of other commentaries and books that can be borrowed see [Christian Commentaries Online](#).

[1 Corinthians](#) by MacArthur, John - 520 pages - excellent

[Be wise](#) Commentary on 1 Corinthians by Warren Wiersbe

[Bible Exposition Commentary - New Testament](#) by Warren Wiersbe

[With the Word](#) - Devotional Commentary - Warren Wiersbe - [428 ratings](#)

[Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the New Testament](#) by Wiersbe, Warren W

[Cyril Barber](#) - This is a book of exceptional merit. Pastors, missionaries, and Christian workers will profit from its use. Wiersbe introduces each book of the NT, provides an outline, and then furnishes his readers with a chapter-by-chapter discussion of the contents. The homiletic style is a "plus." Recommended.

[The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible : New Testament, King James Version](#) - Acts, Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians - This is a very useful resource which always includes numerous related cross-references. It will be of aid to you preaching and teaching.

Rosscup says this is part of "A 12-vol. set done by 12 men selected for unusual ability to show the Bible is alive in biblical exposition, with spiritual refreshment and insight. The authors seek to combine scholarship on biblical meaning, illustrations to spark applications, and outlines."

[Expository studies in 1 Corinthians : the deep things of God](#) by Stedman, Ray C

[The communicator's commentary. 1, 2 Corinthians](#) By: Chafin, Kenneth (Now called the Preacher's Commentary)

[The Expositor's Bible Commentary](#) - 1994 edition - Abridged - New Testament

[The First epistle of Paul to the Corinthians : an introduction and commentary](#) by Morris, Leon,

Rosscup - Though the works in the Tyndale Series are concise, this is a good commentary and is recent. Morris is adequate a good part of the time in his comments on passages, but weak in detail on historical background, evidently because of the brevity to which he was held.

[First Corinthians : unlocking the Scriptures for you](#) by Staton, Knofel

Logos.com - This nontechnical commentary on First Corinthians analyzes the many problems the church in Corinth faced, including unity, relationships, liberty, and worship assembly. It provides a look into the historical, cultural, and religious contexts surrounding the epistle, and illustrates how the message of First Corinthians is still contemporarily relevant in today's churches.

[Conflict and community in Corinth : a socio-rhetorical commentary on 1 and 2 Corinthians](#) by Witherington, Ben, III

[The Cross and Christian ministry : leadership lessons from 1 Corinthians](#) by Carson, D. A

[Strong Reproofs for a scandalous church : a study of 1 Corinthians 1:1-6:11 : Bible study guide](#) by Swindoll, Charles

[Calm answers for a confused church : a study of 1 Corinthians 12-16. Bible study guide from the Bible-teaching ministry of](#) by Swindoll, Charles

[Showing the spirit : a theological exposition of 1 Corinthians 12-14](#) by Carson, D. A

[Challenging church : the good book guide to 1 Corinthians 1-9](#) by Dever, Mark

[The First Epistle to the Corinthians](#) by Fee, Gordon D

[The Epistles to the Corinthians](#) by Hobbs, Herschel H (1963) 136 pages

[Thru the Bible with J. Vernon McGee](#) - 1 Corinthians

[First Corinthians](#) by McGee, J. Vernon

[Accommodating Christians : an exegetical commentary on First Corinthians Ten](#) By: Spiros Zodhiates

[1 Corinthians 12 : an exegetical exposition of I Corinthians 12:1-31 and related passages from the Greek text](#)

[1 Corinthians : a self-study guide](#) by Jensen, Irving

[The Corinthian letters of Paul : an exposition of I and II Corinthians](#) by Morgan, G. Campbell

[A layman looks at the love of God : devotional study of 1 Corinthians 13](#) by Keller, W. Phillip

[The First epistle of Paul to the Corinthians : an exposition](#) by Erdman, Charles R

[Paul's hymn of love, First Corinthians thirteen; an interpretation](#) by Erdman, Charles R.

[The Second epistle of Paul to the Corinthians; an exposition](#) by Erdman, Charles R.

STUDY BIBLES

Note: The first 4 resources have no time restriction and allow copy and paste.

(1) [KJV Bible Commentary](#) - Hindson, Edward E; Kroll, Woodrow Michael. Over 3000 pages of the entire OT/NT. Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective. Pre-millennial.

Very well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective

The King James Version Bible Commentary is a complete verse-by-verse commentary. It is comprehensive in scope, reliable in scholarship, and easy to use. Its authors are leading evangelical theologians who provide practical truths and biblical principles. Any Bible student will gain new insights through this one-volume commentary based on the timeless King James Version of the Bible.

(2) [The King James Study Bible Second Edition](#) 2240 pages (2013) (Thomas Nelson) General Editor - Edward Hindson with multiple contributing editors. . Pre-millennial. See [introduction on How to Use this Study Bible](#)

(3) [NKJV Study Bible: New King James Version Study Bible](#) (formerly "The Nelson Study Bible - NKJV") by Earl D Radmacher; Ronald Barclay Allen; Wayne H House. 2345 pages. (1997, 2007). Very helpful notes. Conservative. Pre-millennial.

(4) [The Wycliffe Bible Commentary - only the New Testament](#) (for OT see below to borrow) - 1126 pages. (1971) Everett F Harrison - Editor of New Testament. Uses the KJV. Strictly speaking not a study Bible, but short notes are similar. The comments are generally verse by verse, short, conservative and to the point. Pre-millennial. Rosscup says "The treatments vary with the authors, but as a whole it is a fine one-volume commentary for pastors and students to use or give to a layman."

THE FOLLOWING CAN BE BORROWED

[The MacArthur Study Bible](#) - John MacArthur. Brief but well done notes [1,275 ratings](#)

[ESV Study Bible](#) - Excellent resource but not always literal in eschatology and the nation of Israel [6,004 ratings](#)

[HCSB Study Bible](#) - conservative notes.

[The Holman Illustrated Study Bible](#) Includes the excellent Holman maps but otherwise of little help in serious study.

[NIV Study Bible](#) - (2011) 2570 pages - Use this one if available as it has more notes than edition below. This resource has been fully revised in 2020.

[Life Application Study Bible](#): New Living Translation. Has some very helpful notes. [4,445 ratings](#)

[The Defender's Study Bible : King James Version](#) by Morris, Henry M. Excellent notes for well known creationist.

[Ryrie Study Bible Expanded Edition](#) (1994) 2232 pages

[The David Jeremiah study bible](#) - (2013) 2208 pages. [2,272 ratings Logos.com](#) - "Drawing on more than 40 years of study, Dr. David Jeremiah has compiled a legacy resource that will make an eternal impact on generations to come. 8,000 study notes. Hundreds of enriching word studies"50+ Essentials of the Christian Faith" articles."

[The Apologetics Study Bible Understand Why You Believe](#) by Norman Geisler

[NIV Archaeological Study Bible](#) (2005) 2360 pages [950 ratings](#) (See also [Archaeology and the Bible - OT and NT](#))

[NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible. Bringing to Life the Ancient World of Scripture](#) Keener, Craig and Walton, John. Editors

(2017)

[Believer's Bible Commentary](#) by MacDonald, William (1995) 2480 pages. One of my favorites. Often has some excellent devotional comments.

Dr. John MacArthur, Jr. - "Concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen."

Warren Wiersbe - "For the student who is serious about seeing Christ in the Word."

[The Word in life Study Bible](#) - interesting format. Not your routine study Bible. Worth checking the very informative notes. (e.g., [here is a picture of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances.](#))

[New Bible Commentary](#) - (1994)

[The Experiencing God Study Bible : the Bible for knowing and doing the will of God](#) - Blackaby, Henry (1996) 1968 pages - CHECK THIS ONE! Each chapter begins with several questions under the title "PREPARE TO MEET GOD." Then you will interesting symbols before many of the passages. The chapter ends with a "DID YOU NOTICE?" question. This might make a "dry chapter" jump off the page! Read some of the [48 ratings](#)

J.Sidlow Baxter: Explore The Book - pdf [Vol. 6 Acts to Revelation](#)

[Compact Bible commentary](#) by Radmacher, Earl D; Allen, Ronald Barclay; House, H Wayne, et al - 954 pages. Multiple contributors to the comments which are often verse by verse. The comments are brief but meaty and can really help your study through a given book. A sleeper in my opinion.

[NIV archaeological study Bible](#) (2005) 2360 pages [950 ratings](#) (See also [Archaeology and the Bible - OT and NT](#))

[NIV cultural backgrounds study Bible. bringing to life the ancient world of scripture](#) Keener, Craig and Walton, John. Editors (2017)

[Evangelical Commentary on the Bible](#) - editor Walter Elwell (1989) 1239 pages.

[Dictionary of Biblical Imagery](#) - free for use online with no restrictions (i.e., you do not need to borrow this book). Editors Leland Ryken, J C Wilhoit, Tremper Longman III - This is a potential treasure chest to aid your preaching and teaching as it analyzes the meaning of a host of Biblical figures of speech. **Clue** - use the "One-page view" which then allows you to copy and paste text. One downside is there is no index, so you need to search 3291 pages for entries which are alphabetical.

[Dictionary of Paul and his letters](#) IVP Series - No other single reference work presents as much information focused exclusively on Pauline theology, literature, background and scholarship. In-depth articles focus on individual theological themes (such as law, resurrection and Son of God), broad theological topics (such as Christology, eschatology and the death of Christ), methods of interpretation (such as rhetorical criticism and social-scientific approaches), background topics (such as apocalypticism, Hellenism and Qumran) and various other subjects specifically related to the scholarly study of Pauline theology and literature (such as early catholicism, the center of Paul's theology, and Paul and his interpreters since F. C. Baur).

GREEK WORD STUDIES

[The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament](#) by Zodhiates, Spiros - This is my "go to" resource for Greek word studies. One of the best lexicons for laymen. Highly Recommended for Greek Word Studies to aid your interpretation of a passage.

[Analytical Lexicon of the Greek New Testament](#) by Friberg, Timothy. Shorter definitions than Zodhiates but does an excellent job in summarizing the various nuances of a specific Greek word. One of my favorites.

[Shorter Lexicon of the Greek New Testament](#) by Gingrich, F. Wilbur. Similar to Friberg but shorter definitions.

[The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology - NIDNTT - Colin Brown, ed](#)

[Kittel's Theological Dictionary of the New Testament : abridged in one volume](#) - Classic fondly known as the "Little Kittel"

[A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament, and other early Christian literature;](#) by Bauer, Walter,

[Liddell and Scott's Greek-English lexicon, abridged : the little Liddell](#) by Liddell, Henry George.

[Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words](#) - pdf.

[Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament : based on semantic domains](#) - Louw Nida.

[The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament](#) by Rogers, Cleon.

[New Testament Words in Today's Language](#) by Detzler, Wayne A - Wonderful resource to supplement word studies.

[New Testament Words](#) - William Barclay

[Expository Dictionary of Bible words](#) by Richards, Larry

[Synonyms of the New Testament](#) by Trench, Richard Chenevix - or [click here for list of 108 entries](#)

[Christian Words](#) By: Turner, Nigel, >500 pages. An interesting, unique resource on Greek words (no Hebrew) with extensive bibliography

[Expository dictionary of Bible words : word studies for key English Bible words based on-](#) Stephen Renn

[So That's What it Means](#) - This is another book formerly titled "**Theological Wordbook**" edited by **Charles Swindoll**. It is now under this new title [So That's What it Means](#) and can be borrowed - it is more like a dictionary than a lexicon but the comments are superb! The contributors include DKC—Donald K. Campbell, WGJ—Wendell G. Johnston, JAW—John A. Witmer, JFW—John F. Walvoord

MORE SERMONS AND COMMENTARIES

DICTIONARIES

- Baker Evangelical Dictionary [Corinthians, First and Second, Theology](#)
- Easton's Bible Dictionary [Corinthians, First Epistle to the](#)
- Fausset Bible Dictionary [Corinthians, the Epistles to the](#)
- Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible [Corinthians, First Epistle to the; Second Epistle](#)
- International Standard Bible Encyclopedia [Corinthians, First Epistle to the](#)
- McClintock and Strong's Bible Encyclopedia [Corinthians, First Epistle to The](#)
- The Nuttall Encyclopedia [Corinthians, Epistles to the](#)
- Holman - [1 Corinthians](#), [2 Corinthians](#)

BRUCE HURT,MD - Verse by Verse Commentary

- [1 Corinthians 9:1 Commentary](#)
- [1 Corinthians 9:2 Commentary](#)
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HENRY ALFORD The New Testament for English Readers 1 Corinthians Commentary

[Read his fascinating brief biography - Henry Alford](#) (1810-1871) and [Phil Johnson's related comments](#)

James Rosscup writes that Alford's series on the New Testament "contains much that is valuable in the Greek New Testament... though all of the Greek New Testament words have been changed to English throughout." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

Charles Haddon Spurgeon ([see his comments in following entry on Alford](#)).

Editorial Note: If you are not proficient in Greek, you will find this work considerably more useful than the following work by Alford, because in this volume he translates the Greek and Latin into English. While the "The Greek New Testament" is longer (e.g., English version of 1John = **66** pages compared to Greek version = **94** pages in part because the latter includes comments of more technical nature), the substance of the commentary is otherwise similar to that found in the "NT for English Readers".

- [1 Corinthians 9 Commentary](#)

HENRY ALFORD The Greek New Testament 1 Corinthians Commentary

James Rosscup writes that "This was the great work in the life of the versatile Dean of Canterbury. An outcome of this production was the New Testament for English Readers (4 vols.). Alford was a Calvinist, conservative and premillennial, though not dispensational. He takes a literal interpretation of the thousand years in Rev. 20 and has a famous quote there, is strong on sovereign election as in Ro 8:29, 30 and 1Pe 1:2, but, unfortunately, holds to baptismal regeneration in such texts as Titus 3:5 and John 3:5. He shows a great knowledge of the Greek text and faces problems of both a doctrinal and textual nature." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

John Piper writes ""When I'm stumped with a... grammatical or syntactical or logical [question] in Paul, I go to Henry Alford. Henry Alford... comes closer more consistently than any other human commentator to asking my kinds of questions."

Charles Haddon Spurgeon writes that this text "is an invaluable aid to the critical study of the text of the New Testament. You will find in it the ripened results of a matured scholarship, the harvesting of a judgment, generally highly impartial, always worthy of respect, which has gleaned from the most important fields of Biblical research, both modern and ancient, at home and abroad. You will not look here for any spirituality of thought or tenderness of feeling; you will find the learned Dean does not forget to do full justice to his own views, and is quite able to express himself vigorously against his opponents; but for what it professes to be, it is an exceedingly able and successful work. The later issues are by far the most desirable, as the author has considerably revised the work in the fourth edition. What I have said of his Greek Testament applies equally to Alford's New Testament for English Readers,* which is also a standard work." ([Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries; Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle](#))

- [1 Corinthians 9 Commentary](#)

GREGG ALLEN - SERMONS

- [1 Corinthians 9:1-18 Paul's Boast](#)
- [1 Corinthians 9:19-27 For the Gospel's Sake](#)

DON ANDERSON

- [1 Corinthians - Running to Win - Handling the Hurdles that can Hurt You](#)

PAUL APPLE Commentary - Excellent material for sermon preparation

- [1 Corinthians Commentary](#) - Published 2009. 445 pages

STEVE ARMSTRONG - Verse by Verse

- [1 Corinthians 9:1-15](#)
- [1 Corinthians 9:14-27](#)

JACK ARNOLD SERMONS Over 450 pages of conservative, evangelical sermon material. Excellent resource

- [1 Corinthians 9:1-14 The Right Of The Minister To Receive Wages](#)
- [1 Corinthians 9:15-23 Free To Be A Slave](#)
- [1 Corinthians 9:21 Under Law But What Law?](#)
- [1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Running The Spiritual Race](#)

WAYNE BARBER - one of my favorites - recommended, practical teaching on the "Christ life"

- [1 Corinthians 9:1-14](#) - Denying Self for the Sake of Others – Part 1
- [1 Corinthians 9:15-19](#) - Denying Self for the Sake of Others – Part 2
- [1 Corinthians 9:1-27](#) - Denying Self for the Sake of Others – Part 3
- [1 Corinthians 9](#) - Denying Self for the Sake of Others – Part 4
- [1 Corinthians 9:24-27](#) - The Discipline of the Christian Life – Part 1
- [1 Corinthians 9:26-27](#) - The Discipline of the Christian Life – Part 2

WILLIAM BARCLAY Commentary on the Gospel of Mark Daily Study Bible

[D Edmond Hiebert](#) - Prints the author's own translation. Valuable for its numerous helpful word studies and background material. Barclay holds that Christ's descent into Hades gave those who there heard Him a second chance.

Comment: I appreciate Barclay's unique insights on Greek words, but clearly his teaching about a "second chance" is NOT sound doctrine! Be an [Acts 17:11](#) Berean with Barclay. [See discussion of his orthodoxy](#) especially the article "[The Enigmatic William Barclay](#)".

- [1 Corinthians 9 Commentary](#)

ALBERT BARNES Commentary

James Rosscup writes that Barnes "includes 16 volumes on the Old Testament, 11 on the New Testament. The New Testament part of this old work was first published in 1832–1851. Various authors contributed. It is evangelical and amillennial... Often the explanations of verses are very worthwhile." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

C H Spurgeon "Albert Barnes is a learned and able divine, but his productions are unequal in value, the gospels are of comparatively little worth, but his other comments are extremely useful for Sunday-school teachers and persons with a narrow range of reading, endowed with enough good sense to discriminate between good and evil... Placed by the side of the great masters, Barnes is a lesser light, but taking his work for what it is and professes to be, no minister can afford to be without it, and this is no small praise for works which were only intended for Sunday-school teachers." ([Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and](#)

- [1 Corinthians 9](#)

JOSEPH BEET - 1 Corinthians Commentary

[D Edmond Hiebert](#) - A clear and full interpretation by a British Methodist scholar of the past century. Its doctrinal summaries are intended as a contribution to systematic theology.

- [1 Corinthians 9 Commentary](#)

BRIAN BELL Sermons on Mark

- I Corinthians 9 [Winning your Rights or your Race](#)

CHRIS BENFIELD SERMONS

- [1 Corinthians 9:16-23 By all Means Save Some](#)
- [1 Corinthians 9:19-23 Resolved to Reach Others](#)

JOHANN BENDEL Gnomon of the New Testament

- [1 Corinthians 9 Commentary](#)

JOHANN BENDEL The Critical English Testament

Combination of Gnomon above + Comments by other expositors [in brackets] (Recommended if not conversant with Greek)

- [1 Corinthians 9](#)

JOSEPH BENSON

- [1 Corinthians 9 Commentary](#)

BIBLE.ORG RESOURCES 1 Corinthians

Resources that Reference this Book

- [1 Corinthians 9](#)

Illustrations from Bible.org

- [1 Corinthians 9:24](#)

BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR 1 Corinthians Joseph Exell, Editor

- [1 Corinthians 9 Commentary](#)

BOB BOLENDER

- [1 Corinthians 148 pp in depth verse by verse study](#)

JIM BOMKAMP - Sermon Notes - Calvary Chapel Green Bay

- [1 Corinthians 9:1-14 Ministers Are To Be Supported By The Ministry](#)
- [1 Corinthians 9:15-23 Be All Things To All Men](#)
- [1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Run In Such A Way As To Win](#)

BRIDGEWAY BIBLE COMMENTARY 1 Corinthians Commentary

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F F BRUCE

- [1 Corinthians 9:1-27 An Expanded Paraphrase](#)

WILLIAM BURKITT 1 Corinthians Commentary

- [1 Corinthians 9 Commentary](#)

PAUL BUTLER Studies in 1 Corinthians Commentary

- [1 Corinthians Commentary](#) - scroll through bookcase for 1 Corinthians - some good material but Church of Christ perspective so be an "[Acts 17:11+](#)" Berean.
- [1 Corinthians Commentary](#) another source - pdf

JOHN CALVIN 1 Corinthians Commentary

- [1 Corinthians 9 Commentary](#)

CAMBRIDGE GREEK TESTAMENT 1 Corinthians Commentary

Parry, R. S. J. The First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians.

- [1 Corinthians 9 Commentary](#)

RICH CATHERS

- [1 Corinthians - Sermon Notes](#)

D MARION CLARK - it will ask you to "Click here to download your attachment" (I checked it and it works fine - no virus or adware)

- [1 Corinthians 9.1-14 Money and the Gospel](#)
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ADAM CLARKE 1 Corinthians Commentary

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EARLY CHURCH

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THOMAS CONSTABLE 1 Corinthians Expository Notes

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- [1 Corinthians 9:16-17 Bold Advance In Missions](#)
- [1 Corinthians 9:16-17 Necessity Is Laid Upon Me](#)

- [1 Corinthians 9:19-23 The Soul Winner](#)
- [1 Corinthians 9:24–27 The Christian Runner](#)

RON DANIEL

- [1 Corinthians - Sermon Notes](#)

J LIGON DUNCAN

- [1 Corinthians - Sermons](#)

CHARLES ELLICOTT - Editor. Commentary written by T. T. Shore

- [1 Corinthians 9 Commentary](#)

CRITICAL AND EXEGETICAL COMMENTARY First Epistle of St Paul To The Corinthians Archibald Robertson, Alfred Plummer

Rosscup: This, after Fee, is the **most detailed and the best critical commentary on the epistle**. Though not as readable as works by Godet, Grosheide, Johnson and Morris, it is more detailed in discussing possibilities for a given passage. (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An annotated bibliography of selected works)

D Edmond Hiebert - Greek text Important introduction and a very thorough treatment of the Greek text, bringing out its finer shades of meaning. Essential for the careful student of the original text.

- [1 Corinthians 9 Commentary](#)

BOB DEFFINBAUGH 1 Corinthians Sermons

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- Holman Bible Dictionary [Abstinence](#)
- Hastings' Dictionary of the NT [Abstinence](#)
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- Vines' Expository Dictionary [Abstain, Abstinence](#)
- Watson's Theological Dictionary [Abstinence](#)
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- Baker Evangelical Dictionary [Crown](#)

MARCUS DODS The Expositor's Bible Commentary on 1 Corinthians

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JOHN DUMMELOW 1 Corinthians Commentary

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THOMAS EDWARDS 1 Corinthians Commentary

In Depth Verse by Verse Commentary

[D Edmond Hiebert](#) - Greek text. An exhaustive exposition by an independent, evangelical British scholar of the past century.

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TIMOTHY EDWARDS 1 Corinthians Commentary

- [1 Corinthians 9](#)

CHARLES R ERDMAN THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (1928)

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