A Prayer that Prepares our Perspective in Problems 1st Corinthians 1:3-9

1st Corinthians 1:1-2 NKJV

- 1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,
- 2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

1st Corinthians 1:3-6 NKJV

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus,

5 that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge,

6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you,

1st Corinthians 1:7-9 NKJV

7 so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

8 who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Problems

- 1. Division (1–4).
- 2. Discipline (5–6).
- 3. Divorce and Marriage (7).
- 4. Doctrinal disputes (8–10).
- 5. Demonstrative gifts (12–14).

Grace Given - v3-4

Prayers Prayed - v4

Everything Enriched - v5

Evidence Established - v6

Complete Charisma - v7

Ardent Anticipation - v7

Confirmed Conclusion - v8

Faithful Fellowship - v9

....Jesus in every verse

Paul first attacked the serious problem of division and defilement in the church, yet he said nothing about the problem itself. Instead, he took the positive approach and reminded the believers of their high and holy position in Jesus Christ. In 1 Corinthians 1:1–9, he described the church that God sees; in 1 Corinthians 1:10-31, he described the church that men see.

What we are in Jesus Christ positionally ought to be what we practice in daily life, but often we fail." - Wiersbe

For it is [not your strength, but it is] God who is effectively at work in you, both to will and to work [that is, strengthening, energizing, and creating in you the longing and the ability to fulfill your purpose] for His good pleasure

- Philippians 2:13 AMP

I'm sure about this: the one who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the job by the day of Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 1:6 AMP