

Study Aids
Discussion Questions
For “What’s the Message?” Lessons

Lesson 126

In this lesson St. Paul has given guidance on two matters of concern to the congregation at Corinth, but they are also matters that still prevalent in our lives today.

Questions:

Are you ever offended by something a neighbor, or for that matter, a member of your family, does? What is your natural inclination? Do you lash out in retribution? Is the guidance Paul gave inconsistent with your human nature?

Is there to be a distinction between everyday life offense, and offending a weak brother and causing him to sin? Why, or why not?

Is it realistic to set a standard that says we should rather suffer wrong than to offend a weaker brother and cause him to sin? Is it possible to do?

The second matter that Paul dealt with was the way in which the Corinthians were behaving at the Lord’s Supper. They had lost sight of its spiritual content and were treating it as a regular meal, and degrading it from there. As you see it, what was Paul trying to emphasize to them? Does it apply to us today?

Comment:

This Supper is much more than an occasional festival to simply remind us of Jesus. The Greek phrase that we translate as “in remembrance of me” has a deeper connotation than merely recalling the story of Jesus. These words are designed to renew our thoughts of Him as The One who has given His body and blood for us and won salvation for us. The result of this is that we have been reconciled to God, which means also that our sinful nature has been forgiven and wiped clean. And, although Paul does not here include the words found in Matthew 26:28: “for the forgiveness of sins,” that concept is certainly implied in the full context of Paul’s words.