

***Your Life in Christ Should
Not Be a Soap Opera
Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians***



- First things first—let's start off with a little activity to warm us up
(if you've done this sort of thing before, then please just let those who haven't take the lead, and don't give them any coaching)



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 - Bear in mind, those resources aren't all just *physical*—what else can be perceived as “resources” worth protecting?

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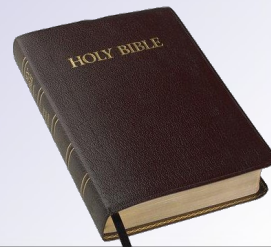
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 - How does that play out in our finances?

in our workplaces?
in our relationships?
in our accolades?
in our church?

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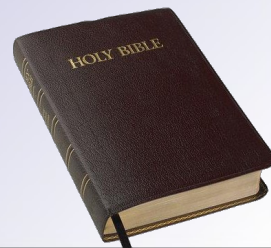
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 - It can be really, really hard for people to be able to take a step back and look at their situations objectively enough to see how they're being *unhealthy* in the very stuff that they had thought was essential for their continued *survival*
 - Take the Corinthians, for example...

