Written by: Paul (edited/collected in the last 1st Century or early 2nd Century)

This letter can be called “The Best of Corinthians” because it is seen as a **compilation** of several letters. One of the reasons for this line of thinking is that the letter includes several rough transitions. (A Cut & Paste job gone wrong!) (Examples: 6-14:-7:1, 9:15-10:1)

Outline:

1. 1:1-7:15
   1. Paul defends his ministry (his words are louder than his actions)
2. 8:1-9:15
   1. Money money money!
   2. The social meaning of money (how gifts emphasize the distance between giver and recipient)
3. 10:1-13:13
   1. Paul’s pledge of allegiance to the church

The Big Lead: Paul’s relationship with the Corinthian church gets worse

Paul and Timothy sent this letter

The Big Answer: “Don’t un-like me, people!”

PJ’s Picks

2:14-17 “What’s that smell?””

14 But thank God, who is always leading us around through Christ as if we were in a parade. He releases the **fragrance** of the knowledge of him everywhere through us. 15 We **smell** like the **aroma** of Christ’s offering to God, both to those who are being saved and to those who are on the road to destruction. 16 We **smell** like a contagious dead person to those who are dying, but we **smell** like the fountain of life to those who are being saved.

7:2-7 “I’m sorry I said what I said” &

7:7-11” “I’m (NOT) I said what I said”

8:8-9 CONNECTION TO Philippians 2:5-11

8 I’m not giving an order, but by mentioning the commitment of others, I’m trying to prove the authenticity of your love also. 9 You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Although he was rich, he became poor for your sakes, so that you could become rich through his poverty.

8:10-11 “Come on, Corinth, finish what ya started”

9:6-7 ATTITUDE OF GIVING

What I mean is this: the one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also reap a generous crop. 7 Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn’t give with hesitation or because of pressure. **God loves a cheerful giver**.

Chapter 10-13 PAUL VS. THE SUPER APOSTLES!!!!

Some scholars consider these chapters to have come from a separate letter because Paul’s words are very **sarcastic**, which do not fit the rest of the letter.

The 7 practices of the S-A! (11:4, 18-21)

*11: 4 If a person comes and* ***(1) preaches some other Jesus*** *than the one we preached, or if you* ***(2) receive a different Spirit****…20 You put up with it if someone* ***(3) enslaves*** *you, if someone* ***(4) exploits*** *you, if someone* ***(5) takes advantage*** *of you, if someone* ***(6) places themselves over*** *you, or if someone* ***(7) hits*** *you in the face. 21 I’m ashamed to say that we have been weak in comparison! But in whatever they challenge me, I challenge them (I’m speaking foolishly).*

What did the S-A do wrong? They condemned people’s moral failings, with no regard for feelings. Their aim was to cause shame. What did the people do wrong? They went along with it!

Chapter 11: Paul’s Epic Promo or “Those (BLEEP) haven’t suffered nearly as much as I have.”

*“What I’ve done goes well beyond what they’ve done. I’ve* ***worked much harder****. I’ve been* ***imprisoned*** *much more often. I’ve been* ***beaten*** *more times than I can count. I’ve* ***faced death*** *many times. 24 I received the “forty* ***lashes*** *minus one” from the Jews* ***five******times****. 25 I was* ***beaten******with rods*** *three times. I was* ***stoned*** *once. I was* ***shipwrecked*** *three times. I spent a day and a night on the* ***open sea****. 26 I’ve been on* ***many journeys****. I faced* ***dangers from rivers, robbers, my people, and Gentiles****. I faced dangers* ***in the city, in the desert, on the sea, and from false brothers and sisters****. 27 I faced these dangers with* ***hard work and heavy labor, many sleepless nights, hunger and thirst, often without food, and in the cold without enough clothes****. 28 Besides all the other things I could mention, there’s my* ***daily stress*** *because I’m concerned about all the churches.”*