

Corinthians

Simple Church



- 1) Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as **people who live by the Spirit** but **as people who are still worldly--mere infants in Christ.**
- 2) I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready.
- 3) **You are still worldly.** For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, **are you not worldly?** Are you not acting like **mere humans?**
- 4) For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not **mere human beings?**

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- 5) What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only **servants**, through whom you came to believe--as the Lord has assigned to each his task.
- 6) **I planted** the seed, **Apollos watered** it, **but God has been making it grow.**
- 7) So neither the **one who plants** nor the **one who waters** is anything, **but only God, who makes things grow.**
- 8) The **one who plants** and the **one who waters** have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor.
- 9) For we are **co-workers** in **God's service**; you are God's field, God's building.

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- 10) By the grace **God** has given **me**, **I** laid a foundation as a wise builder, and **someone else** is building on it. But **each one** should build with care.
- 11) For **no one** can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is **Jesus Christ**.
- 12) If **anyone** builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw,
- 13) **their** work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of **each person's** work.

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- 14) If what has been built survives, the **builder** will receive a reward.
- 15) If it is burned up, the **builder** will suffer loss but yet will be saved--even though only as one escaping through the flames.
- 16) Don't you know that **you yourselves** are **God's temple** and that **God's Spirit** dwells in your midst?
- 17) If anyone destroys **God's temple**, **God** will destroy that person; for **God's temple** is sacred, and **you together** are that **temple**.

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18) Do not deceive **yourselves**. If any of **you** think you are wise by the standards of this age, **you** should become "fools" so that **you** may become wise.

19) For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in **God's** sight. As it is written: "**He** catches the wise in their craftiness";

20) and again, "The **Lord** knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile."

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21) So then, no more boasting
about human leaders! All
things are **yours**,

22) whether Paul or Apollos or
Cephas or the world or life
or death or the present or
the future--all are **yours**,

23) and **you** are of **Christ**, and
Christ is of **God**.

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