

# 1 CORINTHIANS

*Seeing Life through the Mind of Christ*

Co-laboring for the Kingdom of God

1 Corinthians 3:1-15

# Main Idea and Outline

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- Being a mature believer means understanding that Jesus Christ is the foundation for our lives. God does the work to bring the growth that we are called to walk and we move past natural divisions to see His Kingdom go forward.
- Outline
  - The Issue
  - A Correction and Reminder
  - The Results of our Co-labors

# The Issue

- Verses 1-4
- Not a unique part of Paul's writings to the church in Corinth
- Growth requires discipline
- Another distinction between “natural” and “spiritual”
- Spiritual infants in Christ
- Strife and envy





# A Correction and Reminder

- Verses 5-9
- Distraction by divisions
- The dangers of distractions
- Two servants for the same Master
- Qualities of a good co-worker, co-laborer
- United by a common and more important identity





# The Results of our Co-labors

- Verses 10-15
- Is the quality of our labors important?
- A solid foundation, verse 11
- What is your attitude towards your own spiritual growth?
- Paul's example for us to follow
- Everyone has room to grow, through the work of the Holy Spirit

## Next steps

1. Allow the Holy Spirit to show you the areas in which you need to grow for spiritual maturity.
2. What might be distracting you from being used by God in your life right now?
3. What is one way in which you can take an active step towards being used by God this week?