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1 Corinthians 3:1-4

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.



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1 Corinthians 3:1-4

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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N.T. Wright

"it's hard to translate, but probably the best way to translate it would be, in his rendition, very determinedly only human."

deliberately, intensely, only human."





Galatians 5:22-23

"the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control"





When you're growing supernaturally, the fruit of the Spirit are growing together.





You're resting on your talents and you're not going beyond the merely human.





We've got to grow beyond the human





Have you failed to go beyond the natural into the supernatural in your life?





Have you failed to go beyond the natural into the supernatural in your life?

Are you determinedly only human?





Are you growing?
Are you growing in grace?
Are you growing beyond the natural into the supernatural?



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1 Corinthians 3:5-6

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.





1 Corinthians 3:7-8

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.





1 Corinthians 3:9-10

9 For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. 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.





1 Corinthians 3:11-12

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,





1 Corinthians 3:13-14

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. 14 If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward.





1 Corinthians 3:15-16 is burned up, the builder will suff

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?

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Midwiner of entries 1 Corinthians 3:17-18

17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple. 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. RANSFORM



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1 Corinthians 3:5-17

"Growing into the gospel".









Carl Blomberg

That these people have actually not understood the gospel of grace.





Not surprisingly, but nevertheless tragically, the spirit of competition, comparison with each other, and rewards based on merit have overwhelmed many aspects of Christian life as well, both corporately and personally.





How liberating it can be when the church decides instead to model a countercultural lifestyle, loving people unconditionally as Christ did





Carl Blomberg

"the competitive culture of Corinth had come into the church and had squeezed out the grace of God. And as a result, instead of saying, Apollos has got something for us all, Paul's got something for us all, we need all of these emphases. Instead, we said, no, I'm Paul's guy, therefore I'm better."

Widness of Charles 1 Corinthians 3:18-19

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"





Willes 1 Corinthians 3:20-21

20 and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile." 21 So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours,





Williams 3:22-23

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.





1 Corinthians 3:18

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WILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Your Judgment Day is in the past.





1 Corinthians 3:22

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





Why do we get so angry about everybody else and their differences?

