

Babies and Big People

I. Maturing (1-4)

Christian conduct reveals spiritual maturity.

II. Serving (5-9)

Spiritual maturing is the result of God's work.

III. Testing (10-15)

A spiritually maturing ministry will build on Christ as the foundation.

IV. Admonishing (16-23)

God has given us everything to mature us in Christ.

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

1. Can you think of an example of a church action/reaction that you consider worldly? What was the result?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-4. How would you define "fleshly" (or worldly)? How would you define "spiritual"?

What are some examples of when you were spiritual?

What are some examples of when your conduct was fleshly?
3. 1 Corinthians 3:5-9 tells us God is the cause of growth from a servant's ministry. What might be examples of why a servant's ministry does not result in the spiritual growth of others?

What can you do so that ministry isn't unfruitful in you?
4. What might be the emphasis in a ministry that is not being built on Christ?

Give some examples of what would characterize a ministry built on Christ.
5. What are the warnings given to worldly wisdom in 1 Corinthians 3:16-20?
6. What does Paul mean by "all things belong to you" in verses 21-23?

What are the 2-3 hardest things that "belong to you" in life right now?

How can they be good for you?
7. Think about your spiritual growth, struggle with the flesh, temptation of human wisdom, and the Spirit's ministry in your life. What is the Spirit telling you that you need to do?