

NIV MEMORY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 3:11**Building Foundation Faith 12-1**

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

"SPIRITUAL IMMATURITY"**READ 1 Corinthians 3:1-4:21****DAY 1 READ 1 Corinthians 3:1-4:21**

1. What was thought provoking to you from last week's Bible study?
2. In which chapter/verse of today's reading does Paul refer to himself as . . .
 - a. a planter? _____
 - b. an expert builder? _____
 - c. a servant of Christ? _____
 - d. a spectacle? _____
 - e. a fool for Christ? _____
 - f. your father? _____

DAY 2 REVIEW 1 Corinthians 3:1-15

3. a. What was Paul's evaluation of the spiritual maturity of these carnal Christians?
 - b. In what ways did the immaturity of the Corinthians show itself?
 - c. Growth is expected of each "babe" in Christ. What did the writer have to say regarding this in Hebrews 5:13,14?
4. a. In illustrating the Corinthian church as God's field, what had Paul and Apollos done for a common purpose?
 - b. What had God done?
5. a. In the example of a building under construction, Paul and Apollos were the builders of the church. What did Paul say in verse 11?
 - b. How are God's people described in 1 Peter 2:4,5?
 - c. How was man's work pictured in 1 Corinthians 3:12?
 - d. How will it be tested?
 - e. How did Paul indicate that our work as a Christian does not affect our eternal salvation? (Remember Ephesians 2:8-10)

DAY 2 (Continued) REVIEW 1 Corinthians 3:1-15

6. a. Growing Christians build and expand the church. How do you think one's motives would fit into the teaching of verses 11-15?
 - b. Have you honestly asked yourself that question recently? What is my motive (for being here, doing this, etc.)? Please respond.

DAY 3 REVIEW 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

7. As a church body, what did the Corinthians need to realize from verse 16?
8. Verse 18 says, "Do not deceive yourselves." In your opinion,
 - a. How can spiritual conceit be deceptive?
 - b. What is the danger in following one human leader exclusively?
9. Spiritual riches are available to all in Christ and unity should be the goal. Why in verse 23?
10. Consider the spiritual goal of maturity in Christ. On a scale of 1 (a seed) to 10 (an oak), how are you growing?

DAY 4 REVIEW 1 Corinthians 4:1-13

11. a. In chapter 3 Paul emphasized the fact that he, Apollos and Cephas were not partisan leaders but fellow workers with different assignments. How did Paul want the Corinthians to regard them?
 - b. What is a necessary attribute?
12. How much did Paul care whether he was doing what other people expected of him? Why?
13. What will the Lord do when He comes?
14. a. According to verse 8, spiritually these Corinthians were what since they became Christians?
 - b. What keeps us from appreciating our uniqueness and blessings?

DAY 4 (Continued) REVIEW 1 Corinthians 4:1-13

15. a. How did Paul contrast the situation of the apostles?
- b. Christians worldwide still suffer physically and patiently. What, if anything, can we do?

DAY 5 REVIEW 1 Corinthians 4:14-21

16. a. What unique claim did Paul have on these Christians?
- b. What did he urge them to do?
- c. Do you think Paul is now contradicting what he's been saying about following special leaders? Why or why not?
- d. How much does the example of another Christian's life influence you? What affect does it have on you to know that you may be a role-model Christian for others? Please share.
17. a. Who was Paul sending to the Corinthian church?
- b. What was his mission?
18. a. For the kingdom of God _____.
- b. With apostolic authority and as a "father," what did Paul threaten?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: