

1 Corinthians 3 step by Step

V1-4 It is evident that the Christians in Corinth had stalled concerning spiritual growth. This was evident by their interaction and attitude.

V5,6- *ministers*= Servants, messengers, attendants. Each of these men, like each of us, were given invitations (called) to serve and were uniquely equipped to serve. The focus is not to be on the messenger, rather the message.

V7- It is important that we see God's design for individual purpose with unity.

V8- See also 1Corinthians 15:58

V9- Notice in these examples the focus is upon God, not on the servant.

V10- Paul understood it was God's unmerited favor that saved him and set him on a new course for life! He took this journey serious and asked others to do likewise.

V11- Make sure that everything in your life is built upon this foundation!

V12-14 God will surely "test" what we do for Him to reveal what our motive and intents were.

V15- If we have built our "ministry" on any other foundation it will not stand before Him. Although our 'work' may not pass the test, we are His. Saved here is speaking of the worker who sees that his work was built on the wrong foundation, he is saved but his work is toasted.

V16- This is meant to be a reminder; asserting what was already known.

V17- I believe this is addressing those who were teachers or followers who built on a false foundation. The words defile and destroy are the same word in Greek and speak of corrupt and diminishing. If a person diminishes the truth, God will diminish that person, meaning that God will decrease that person because He is protective of His church.

V18-20 See 1Corinthians 2:1-5

V21-23 The diversity of the body of Christ is nothing short of amazing! When we focus on Him and see people from His perspective we no longer focus on the messengers but instead the truth of the message!