



Family Resource for 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

week of March 14, 2010

❖ Sunday

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-4

Word of the day: infant

- **What is an 'infant?'**
- **What are some characteristics of babies?**
- **How can someone act like an infant in the Christian life?**
- **What steps should a follower of Jesus take to make sure that they are growing spiritually mature?**
- **Talk to God:** *"Thank you, Jesus, for changing us and making us new. I know that you want us to grow in our faith & be spiritually mature. Please give us the desire to respond to your leading..."*

❖ Monday

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-4

Word of the day: jealousy

- **What does it mean to be jealous?**
- **How does jealousy prove that someone is controlled by their sinful nature?**
 - *when someone is jealous, it shows that they are selfish: concerned more with what they are lacking versus being happy for someone else.*
- **Does God really care about our jealousy**
 - The last of the Ten Commandments: *"You must not be envious of your neighbor's house, or want to sleep with his wife, or want to own his slaves, oxen, donkeys, or anything else he has." - Exodus 20:17 (TLB)*
 - *James 3:15 (NLT) ... jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic.*
 - *you can also see Galatians 5:19-26*
- **Why is jealousy dangerous?**
 - *Jealousy...*
 - *shows that we are unhappy with God's provision*
 - *breeds discontentment*
 - *stresses & destroys relationships among spouses, family members, & friends*
 - *causes bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior (Eph. 4:31)*
- **Talk to God:** *"Lord, I know that you can see my entire heart. Please forgive me for the times that I have been jealous. And help me to not be bound by jealousy..."*

❖ Tuesday

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-4

Word of the day: quarrel

- **What does it mean to quarrel?**
 - *to argue, fight, etc.*
- **How does quarreling prove that someone is controlled by their sinful nature?**
 - *when someone is arguing over things, it shows that their pride will not allow themselves to lose an argument. They would rather yell their point & take a hard stand on unnecessary issues than to be humble, like our Savior. You can see 1st Corinthians 6:1-7*
- **How should a believer handle confrontations?**
 - *in keeping with the fruits of the Spirit: “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (Gal. 5:22-23 NLT)*
 - *Ask yourself, “Is this argument really about me defending my pride?”*
 - *Judge the importance of the issue at hand. You should ask, “Is this really worth fighting for? Is this really worth taking a chance on hurting others and the cause of Christ for?” There is a time to fight, but it is not every time. Too often, people fight over unimportant things.*
- **Talk to God:** *“Jesus, I need your help to forgive others like you do. I need your help to overlook the faults of others. Help me to not allow my pride to get in the way of living for you & serving others...”*

❖ Wednesday

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Word of the day: servants

- **What is a servant?**
 - *The Greek word for ‘servant’ in verse 5 is “diakonoi,” which was often used of a table waiter, or what we would now call a busboy.*
- **How are pastors, preachers, & teachers like table waiters?**
 - *They serve spiritual ‘food’ to others. They do not prepare the ‘food’ (God does).*
- **Today’s passage tells us that God is the one that changes people. How silly is it to give the credit to a person?**
 - *Really silly. While God uses men & women to share His Word, He alone should get the credit for changing lives.*
 - *It is the Holy Spirit that convicts us of sin & causes us to repent & ask for forgiveness.*
- **It is a high calling to be used of God to share spiritual food with those who are spiritually hungry. How does God want you to serve Him in this way?**
- **Talk to God:** *“Jesus, it is an honor to serve you. Help me to share your word with others who need to hear it. And help my Pastor & Kid’s Church Teachers as they share your Word with us...”*

❖ **Thursday**

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Word of the day: grow

- **What does ‘grow’ mean?**
- **How do plants grow?**
 - *someone plants the seed. Then you water it. after a while, it grows. At the end, you get fruit from it.*
- **How does this analogy relate to the spiritual life of a church?**
- **Have you grown as a Christian?**
- **Who should get the credit for your spiritual growth?**
 - *God. He alone is the one who can produce spiritual growth. Therefore, there is no reason for us to get prideful.*
- **Talk to God: “Jesus, thank you for producing growth in our lives. May we glorify you with the fruit that our lives produce...”**

❖ **Friday**

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Word of the day: ‘work together’

- **What does it mean to ‘work together?’**
- **Why is this important?**
 - *creates unity*
 - *we all have different gifts*
 - *some people are better at doing some things than others*
 - *we all need each other*
- **Do you enjoy getting together & working with others at church?**
- **Describe what things you can do to work together with those at church?**
 - *everyone in the family should be able to think of things they can do. Adults can hand out flyers for the Easter Egg Hunt, Kids can help their Teachers, etc.*
- **Talk to God: “Lord God, we know you want us to serve you as part of a team. Thank for you giving us a great church to serve at. I pray that you will help us to serve you more each day...”**

❖ Saturday

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Word of the day: 'hard work'

- **What does it mean to do 'hard work?'**

- **Why should we work hard?**
 - *to glorify God*
 - *so we can do all the things that God wants us to do*
 - *to provide for our families*
 - *so we can do our best*

- **According to verse 8, what does God do for those who work hard for Him?**
 - *he rewards them*

- **How does God reward us?**
 - *He blesses us here on earth*
 - *He will reward us in Heaven*
 - **NOTE: We are not saved as a reward for working hard for God. God saves & forgives us by grace through faith in Christ. Be sure to clarify this crucial detail.**
 - **Ephesians 2:8 - 9 (NLT)** “God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.”

- **Talk to God: “Lord, help us to work hard for you. We want to serve you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, & all our strength...”**