

Introduction - "Back to 1st Corinthians"

Previously in 1st Corinthians

The Hiddenness of God's Wisdom
(1 Corinthians 2:6-10a)

God reveals himself to those who have
the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:10b-12)

What the goal of a real sermon is
(1 Corinthians 2:13)

Unspiritual vrs. Spiritual People
(1 Corinthians 2:14-16)

Planting, Watering, and Watching it Grow

A slam at their past (1 Cor. 3:1-2a)

A slam at their present! (1 Cor 3:2b-4)

Who are these rock stars anyway?
(1 Cor 3:5)

What is Biblical Leadership?
Matthew 20:20-28

Ephesians 5:22-29

Putting everything in perspective
(1 Cor. 3:6-9a)

1. Who are leaders?
2. Who owns the joint?
3. The joy of co-laboring with God!

Application - *"Do you really believe that anything that happens for growth in your life, the life of the church or your personal ministry is really the result of God's work?"*

1 Corinthians 3:1-9a

¹Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly—mere infants in Christ. ²I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. ³You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men? ⁴For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere men? ⁵What, 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. ⁶I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. ⁹For we are God's fellow workers...

Matthew 20:20-28

²⁰Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.

²¹"What is it you want?" he asked.

She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

²²"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?"

"We can," they answered.

²³Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."

²⁴When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. ²⁵Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Ephesians 5:22-29

²²Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church...