



“Growing Up is Hard to Do Part 2” 1 Corinthians 3:1-23

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→ *Warm up...*

1. At a teacher's retirement party after 41 years of teaching, people she mentored and taught told of the great impression she made. What teacher made a lasting impression on you and why?
2. What is the hardest lesson you had to learn while growing up?

→ **Introduction...** The previous lesson in 1 Corinthians focused on growing spiritually. This lesson will expand on what was discussed.

→ **Explore it...** Read 1 Corinthians 3.

1. What are some of the things that God does to make us grow, including and in addition to 1 Cor 2:10-12?
2. In verse 8, Paul says that the man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose.
 - a) What is the purpose of the one who plants?
 - b) What is the purpose of the one who waters?
3. Matt 13:24-30 tells of two kinds of seed.
 - a) What does this parable tell about you about the world and even churches?
 - b) What Scriptures would you use to test the seed?
4. What are some dangers of idolizing spiritual leaders?
5. What are some precautions can we take to make sure we don't idolize spiritual leaders?

6. What is the Foundation of the Church? See Matt 16:18 and 1 Cor 3:11.

7. How would you describe building on the Foundation with gold, silver, and costly stones?
 - a) As a church

 - b) As an individual

8. How would you describe building on the Foundation with wood, hay, or straw?
 - a) As a church

 - b) As an individual

9. What do you think will be the rewards for those who build with gold, silver, and costly stones? See Dan 12:3, Matt 24:46-47, Matt 25:21, 1 Thess 2:19-20, 2 Tim 4:7-8, and 1 Peter 5:4.

10. 1 Cor 3:16-17 has a severe warning for anyone who destroys God's temple, the Church. How do the items you listed in question 8 destroy God's temple.

➔ **Apply it...**As you think back on this lesson – answer these questions personally with I, me, and my...

1. What are you doing to either plant seed or water? How does your spiritual maturity relate to whether you are or are not doing either?

2. Read 1 Cor 3:18-20. Consider the things that are most important to you (the things that push your buttons, the things you work for or would like to see) as you live the Christian life. Are they built on the wisdom of the world or God's wisdom? What do you need to change?

➔ **Pray it...** Pray for the people in our church and our leaders so that we will always build on the Foundation of Jesus. Pray that we will never be distracted by the world's wisdom.