



“Merely Human”

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (NIV) Brothers, 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; you are God's field, God's building.

1. Two categories of people introduced:

1 Corinthians 2:14-15 (NIV) The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment..

Natural

Spiritual

2. BUT...it's not so cut and dry - “what about me?”

3. The condition diagnosed

4. The symptoms expounded

5. The cure explained

BROTHER'S KEEPER THOUGHT

Share with your spiritual partner or small group areas in your life in which you sense God is challenging you to be obedient, that will cause you to move from spiritual infancy to maturity.

BIBLE READING PLAN

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| ☐ Sun.: 2 Cor. 5 | ☐ Mon.: 2 Cor. 6 | ☐ Tues.: 2 Cor. 7 |
| ☐ Wed.: 2 Cor. 8 | ☐ Thurs.: 2 Cor. 9 | ☐ Fri.: 2 Cor. 10 |
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