

September 13th, 2026**What We Care About**
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OVERVIEW

- Their _____ reveal immaturity. (vv. 1-4)
- Christian leaders are _____; God produces the _____. (vv. 5-9)
- Because it belongs to God, build with _____. (vv. 10-19)

IMPLICATIONS

- _____ about how we treat and think about _____. John 13:34-35 (cf. 1 John 4:7-21; Eph. 4:1-16)
- Faithfully steward whatever God has _____. Col. 3:15-17
- Recognize _____ is _____. 1 Pet. 2:9-10 (cf. Eph. 3:14-21)

TALK IT OVER

Because we believe that the sharing of our ideas and beliefs enhances our spiritual growth in ways teaching alone cannot - we encourage you to join a small group at Sunridge and discuss some of the following questions.

What is something relatively unimportant that you care (perhaps) way too much about? Why do you think it gets so much of your attention?

Paul describes the Corinthians as “infants in Christ” because of their noted jealousy and quarreling, not because they lacked knowledge or spiritual gifts. What does that challenge about the way we typically measure (spiritual) maturity?

Paul says, “I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.” Where are you tempted either to take too much responsibility for an outcome or not enough responsibility for faithfully planting and watering?

What has God entrusted to you right now? What might faithfully “planting and watering” look like there this week or in this season of life?

Read 1 Corinthians 3:16–17 again. What changes when you understand Paul's “you are God's temple” as referring to the church together (all y'all) rather than primarily to you as an individual (as in chapter 6)?

Where might you be giving significant care to something secondary while becoming careless with something God calls sacred?

“The mind of Christ should increasingly produce the manner of Christ.” What is one relationship, responsibility, or area of your life where you most want the Spirit to form the manner of Christ in you right now? What might yielding to Him there look like?

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OVERVIEW

- Their RELATIONSHIPS reveal immaturity. (vv. 1-4)
- Christian leaders are SERVANTS; God produces the GROWTH. (vv. 5-9)
- Because it belongs to God, build with CARE. (vv. 10-19)

IMPLICATIONS

- CARE DEEPLY about how we treat and think about PEOPLE. John 13:34-35 (cf. 1 John 4:7-21; Eph. 4:-16)
- Faithfully steward whatever God has ENTRUSTED YOU. Col. 3:15-17
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