

# Sermon Reflections

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## *Marks of Spiritual Immaturity (1 Cor. 3:1-9)*

**Summary:** The spiritually immature divide the church as they preoccupy themselves with man's ability, success, and contributions. So, spiritually grow up! Set your focus on God. He's the one that grows the church.

### ***Spiritually Grow Up!***

#### **1. Stop Your Factious Rivalries (vv. 1-4)**

- What does it mean to be an “infant” in Christ?
  - What are the dangers of staying as an infant instead of maturing? (Both personally and in the church.)
- Consider Galatians 5:19-23. Compare and contrast what the flesh produces versus what the spirit produces.
  - Examine your life. Is it characterized by the flesh or by the spirit? How should we respond if we see a fellow believer acting in the flesh?
- In Verse 4, Paul calls them out for their comments “I follow Paul...I follow Apollos” – Essentially picking favorites and holding them above all others.
  - Do you ever find yourself doing this?
    - Why is this a problem? How can this affect our personal relationships, and how does this affect the church?
    - How do we guard ourselves and our church against this?

#### **2. Set Your Focus on God's Work (vv. 5-9)**

- In verse 5, why does Paul use the word “what” instead of “who?”
  - If they are just the instruments/tools, who deserves the honor and praise?
  - When you put your favorite preacher on a pedestal, who then are you ultimately lowering from that honor and praise?
    - What are some practical ways to encourage each other to keep the honor and praise on God alone?
- Discuss these three exhortations. What will you do in light of them?
  - Don't give human instruments too much credit.
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  - We must be a people of prayer. (and we can pray together!!!)