**When You’re Divided**

Restoring unity by shifting your pursuit & perspective.

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

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**Point #1**: **Understand** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.1-3a**

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**Point #2**: **Examine** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.3b-4**

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**Point #3**: **Remember** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.5-9**

**Corollary Verses**: Hebrews 5:12-14; James 4:1-3; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Galatians 5:19-21; 2 Corinthians 13:5; 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 and Psalm 115:3.

**Application Questions**  
These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1.) Read **2 Timothy 3:14-15**, **Hebrews 5:12-14,** and **1 Peter 2:1-2** then answer the following questions. According to our text in ***1 Corinthians 3:1-9***, acting like the world will hinder your spiritual growth. Does this concern you? Explain the connection between time and growth. Will every believer experience the same amount of growth? What does the “milk” in the Hebrews passage represent? What does the “milk” in the Peter’s passage represent? What lessons do you learn from both?

2.) Read **2 Peter 3:18**, **Colossians 1:10**; **Ephesians 4:15** and **Matthew 28:20** then answer the following questions. We are commanded in the Scriptures by God to grow in Christ. If God is the one who causes the growth, then how is it possible that he commands us to grow? Has God provided us with everything we need to grow? According to Paul, in his letter to the church at Ephesus, what role do you play in the growth of your fellow believer?

3.) Read **Galatians 5:19-21**, **1 Corinthians 11:27-29**, and **2 Corinthians 13:5** then answer the following questions. Why is self-examination necessary and essential when the church is experiencing division? What are some of the symptoms that you should be looking for? Are there any other self-examinations that believers should be participating in?

4.) Read **Jeremiah 17:9** and **James 4:1-4** then answer the following questions. According to the prophet Jeremiah, our hearts (*Hebrew idiom for the mind/totality of being*) are extremely deceitful. In relationship to church division, in what ways can you be deceived by your own flesh? Where does division and strife develop? How can your own desires become fuel for division? What is the antidote to division?