
Truths for Ministry

1 Corinthians 3:1-23

As a Christian, God calls you to His ministry in the lives of other people. We must carry out God's plan in this ministry so that others see the work of God and not our work. The Corinthians had become confused about who they belonged to. In clearing up the issue, Paul helps us understand basic truths about our ministry from God to others.

1. We are part of God's work in the _____

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

- a) Men are _____ through whom others believe as the Lord gives opportunity (vs. 1-5)
- b) Men plant and water but God causes _____ (vs. 6)
- c) We are one; we are _____ in the work of God (vs. 7-9)
- We must _____ with others in the ministry of God.

2. We are part of God's work in _____

1 Corinthians 3:9-15

- a) Jesus is the _____ that must be laid for a person's life to have true spiritual growth (vs. 9-11)
- b) The quality of our work in the life of _____ can be temporary or eternal (vs. 12-15)
- c) The quality of our work in _____ life can be temporary or eternal (vs. 12-15) (1 Peter 1:3-9)
- We must be careful and do _____ work in our own life and the life of others.

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1 Corinthians 3:1-23

3. We are part of God's work in establishing _____

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

- a) Christians are a temple of God and the Spirit of God _____ in them (vs. 16-17)
- b) Christians must live by the _____ of God and not the wisdom of this world (vs. 18-20)
- c) God's Spirit freely gives _____ things to Christians regardless of who shared God's truth with them (vs. 21-23) (2:12)
- We must remind Christians that they _____ to Christ and God.

❖ Insight for life:

I will be faithful to _____ truth in my ministry from God to others.

My Thoughts:

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1. We are part of God's work in the field

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- a) Men are servants through whom others believe as the Lord gives opportunity (vs. 1-5)
- b) Men plant and water but God causes growth (vs. 6)
- c) We are one; we are fellow workers in the work of God (vs. 7-9)
 - We must work with others in the ministry of God.

2. We are part of God's work in building

1 Corinthians 3:9-15

- a) Jesus is the foundation that must be laid for a person's life to have true spiritual growth (vs. 9-11)
- b) The quality of our work in the life of another can be temporary or eternal (vs. 12-15)
- c) The quality of our work in our own life can be temporary or eternal (vs. 12-15) (1 Peter 1:3-9)
 - We must be careful and do quality work in our own life and the life of others.

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3. We are part of God's work in establishing temples

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

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