

Viewing Church Leaders Rightly – I Corinthians 3:1-23

The Corinthian church needed to see that they were behaving as those who are not spiritual in their attitude toward church leaders. (3:1-4)

The Corinthian church needed to understand that church leaders are merely servants but God gives the growth. (3:5-9)

The Corinthian church needed to understand that the ministry of church leaders will be tested by fire. (3:10-17)

The Corinthian church needed to humbly value the ministry of all church leaders. (3:18-21)

Application & Discussion Questions

1. Do you have any questions about the meaning of today's passage?
2. Why is jealousy and strife evidence of being spiritual infants?
3. How are we tempted to put church leaders on a pedestal and give them too much credit? What might protect us from this error?
4. Why do we sometimes see pastors and their ministries as being in competition with one another? What will help us to see them as "fellow workers" with one another?
5. Our passage makes clear that each one's ministry will be tested by the fire of God's judgment? What do you think is the difference between ministry that will be rewarded and ministry that will be burned up?
6. Paul says in 3:21, "So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours...". What do you think this means?
7. How does today's passage speak truth into your life and challenge you personally?