

WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////

This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your group.



FOR DISCUSSION:

1. What word pictures have you most enjoyed from chapter 3 and why?
2. Using your honest evaluation, in which column of the chart do you stand and why are you there?
3. What problems arise in churches when human wisdom is the focus? What about human leaders as the focus?
4. Why does Paul want the people to know that “they already have everything that they could want”?
5. What application can you take away from this study?

SCRIPTURES

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TWO LESSONS FOR THIS SERIES

1. It is said that “a picture is worth a thousand words,” and Paul uses that idea to _____ his message in chapter 3.
2. The focus is that God _____ the church and that His people need to work toward _____.

LET’S REVIEW

1. The Apostle Paul lived in Corinth for 18 months on his _____ missionary journey. Several years later, after hearing of some _____ in the church, he wrote this letter to them.
2. He began by reminding the people of the blessings of knowing Christ: in the past, _____; in the present, _____; and in the future, _____. *This is true for us today!*
3. The purpose of this letter was to correct at least _____ spiritually unhealthy lifestyle _____ — the first being divisions.
4. In chapter 3, Paul uses _____ pictures. (*Babies, Follow the Leader, A Garden, A Building, A Bonfire, A Temple & Wise vs. Fools*)
5. In today’s study, we see Paul _____ the topics of human _____ and human _____ one more time to drive his point home. In chapter 4 he moves to a _____ warning — “don’t make me come over there!”

THE WISDOM AGAIN

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1. In this _____ section of chapter 3, Paul reviews his discussion in the previous sections and calls for _____.
2. He begins each of the last two paragraphs with the _____ words, “Let no one,” so as to stress the _____ of his application.
3. In this paragraph (v. 18) Paul encourages the people to _____ at themselves and evaluate _____.
4. The sentence on wisdom seems a _____ at first, but careful reading shows that there are _____ kinds of people. Some have _____ wisdom. Some understand that worldly wisdom isn’t enough and take the “_____” step toward faith. Still others have grown into full _____ in Christ.
5. This explanation of three kinds of people is _____ with his other two “pictures” from this chapter.

Unbeliever	“New” Believer	Mature Believer

6. Paul then uses the Old Testament again to _____ his point about worldly wisdom.

Job 5:12 Making void thoughts of the subtle, And their hands do not execute wisdom.
13 Capturing the wise in their subtilty, And the counsel of wrestling ones was hastened,
(Young’s)

Psalms 94:11 He knoweth the thoughts of man, that they [are] vanity. (Young’s)

THE LEADERS AGAIN

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1. “So then,” brings us to the _____ of the matter.
2. There have been two main points of focus when it comes to division in the Corinthian church: one was worldly _____ (philosophies); the other is following human _____.
3. The command, “no _____ boasting about humans leaders.”
4. And the reason is simply this: why follow _____ leader when you have access to them _____? Each one teaches you something from a _____ perspective.
5. To take that a step _____, as believers you already have everything! (A popular philosophical view in Paul’s day was that “the wise man possesses all things.” — Seneca)

6. “You are Christ’s and Christ is God’s” is something that the philosophers _____ have! “You are Christ’s” is easily understood, but what about the phrase “Christ is God’s”? The whole point of these chapters has been _____. You have given _____ to Christ and He to the Father.

Phil. 2:6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

APPLICATION

1. The church is the _____. If we all “belong to God,” there is no point in _____.
2. Don’t _____ yourself. Where do you stand with Christ?