

1 Corinthians

Failure to Thrive

3:1-9



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- And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ. ² I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able *to receive it*. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, ³ for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men? ⁴ For when one says, “I am of Paul,” and another, “I am of Apollos,” are you not *mere men*?

A horizontal line of black silhouettes representing a diverse group of people of various ages and ethnicities, all holding hands. The silhouettes include men, women, and children of different heights and builds, creating a sense of unity and community.

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- 5 What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave *opportunity* to each one. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. 7 So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. 8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

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Christian

5/10, 1:17pm

Shame on you. Have you no decency?



Disciple

5/10, 1:20pm

How could any honest person claim the things you believe?



Christian

5/10, 1:20pm

May God judge swiftly for the damage you've done.



Disciple

5/10, 1:21pm

There's a special place in Hell for the things you've become.

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Unsaved or Unspiritual?

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- Romans 8:8-13

8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. 10 If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. 12 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— 13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die;



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Unsaved or Unspiritual?

- **1 Cor 2:16b** - ...we have the mind of Christ.
- **1 Cor 1:2** - To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their *Lord* and ours:
- **1 Cor 3:16**- Do you not know that you are a temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?



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Spirit or Flesh?

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Spiritual Men

- 1 Cor 1:10
- 1 Cor 1:18
- 1 Cor 1:30
- 1 Cor 2:2
- 1 Cor 2:7
- 1 Cor 2:14
- 1 Cor 2:16



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Men of Flesh, Infants in Christ

- 1 Cor 3:2
- 1 Cor 3:3
- 1 Cor 3:3
- 1 Cor 3:4



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Spiritual Milk

- **What is it?**
- 1 Cor 2:2 "Jesus Christ, and him crucified."
- **What is its purpose?**
- To cause Spiritual growth of such a nature that it begins to suppress the flesh and cause spiritual maturity (v 2 and 3).
- John 16:12



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The fields of God

- **Workers on Gods field...**
- V5 Serve at God given opportunity.
- V6 Serve in unique and complimentary ways.
- V7 Only service the real work, which is done by God.
- V8 Serve with unity of purpose.
- V8 Will be rewarded individually for their labor.



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- Are we failing to thrive as Christians? Are we actively growing (which may include growing pains) in our Christian lives?
- If not, are we getting spiritual nutrition regularly?
- Are there any "spiritual parasites" in our lives?
- Are we serving shoulder to shoulder with other Christians in unity of purpose?



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