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The Church IS a Building 1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-9

Consumerism is good for the economy, but it is bad for the church.

"But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it."

1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-2

The Christian life is the only life where we mask our immaturity under the banner of "grace." Grace should fuel our growth, not stump our growth.

"And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, 'I follow Paul,' and another, 'I follow Apollos,' are you not being merely human?"

1 CORINTHIANS 3:3-4

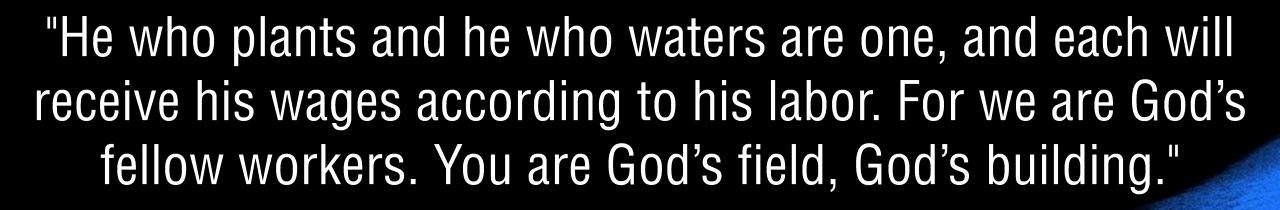
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"What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."

1 CORINTHIANS 3:5-7

"A mature Christian uses his gifts as tools to build with, while an immature believer uses gifts as toys to play with or trophies to boast about. Many of the members of the Corinthian church enjoyed "showing off" their gifts, but they were not interested in serving one another and edifying the church."

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1 CORINTHIANS 3:8-9

