

Curing The Disease of Carnality Before Possible Spiritual Growth

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

1. The carnality of unsound preferences among the weaklings

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- 1) The description of carnal babes in Christ
1 Cor 3:1,3-4; 2:14; Rom 8:6-9; Mt 16:22-23; Eph 4:14; 2 Cor 10:3-4
- 2) The diet of carnal believers in Corinth
1 Cor 3:2; Heb 5:12-14; Jn 16:12; 6:60,66; Lk 24:25; Isaiah 28:9
- 3) The divisions and carnal behavior of christians
1 Cor 3:3; 11:18-19; Lk 22:24-26; Rom 13:12-14; 1 Tim 6:3-5; Jam 3:14-16

2. The calling of unselfish preachers and watchmen

1 Corinthians 3:4-5; 2 Tim 1:11-14

- 1) The divine call of Paul and Apollos
1 Cor 3:4-5; 1 Tim 2:3-7; Acts 26:16-20; 18:1,9-11; 1 Cor 4:6-7; Acts 18:24-28 with 19:1
- 2) The distinct commission for preachers and ambassadors
1 Cor 3:5; Acts 26:16-18; Eph 3:7-9; Col 1:25,28-29; 2 Cor 5:18-20; Ezek 3:17-21
- 3) The definite confirmation with power and anointing
1 Cor 3:5; Acts 14:1,3; 17:2-4; 18:8-11; Rom 15:18-21; Acts 18:24 – 19:1

3. The commitment of unswerving planters and waterers

1 Corinthians 3:6-9

- 1) The undeniable cooperation between planters and waterers
1 Cor 3:6-8; Jn 4:36-38; 1 Cor 3:10a,b; 4:14-15; 2 Cor 6:1; Eph 4:11-14
- 2) The undiminished continuation in purging out the weeds
1 Cor 3:7-9a; Jn 15:2; 1 Cor 5:7,13; 2 Cor 7:1; 1 Thess 3:10; Eph 4:22-24
- 3) The unfailing companionship and partnership in the work
1 Cor 3:6-9; Jn 15:5; Mt 28:18-20; Mk 16:20; Acts 11:18; 14:27; 2 Cor 3:5; Heb 2:1-4