

LESSON 6
CORRECTING CONCEPTIONS ABOUT MINISTRY
1 CORINTHIANS 3:5-23

I. The work of the leaders (3:5-9)

A. The nature of the leaders (3:5)

- Paul states that he and Apollos are _____.
- They are servants whom God used to bring the Corinthians to _____.

B. The nature of the work (3:6)

- They had a _____ to the church.
- God gave _____ as a result of the differing ministries.

C. A proper perspective (3:7)

- They as leaders are _____, only God who gives the increase.

D. The unity of the work (3:8)

- They as leaders are equal and each will be _____.

E. The principle (3:9)

- Leaders are God's servants and the church is _____.

II. The nature of ministry (3:10-15)

A. Paul's work in Corinth (3:10a)

- Paul wisely laid a foundation in Corinth that others _____.

B. The warning (3:10b)

- Paul warns them to _____ upon the foundation he has laid.

C. The foundation (3:11)

- Paul states that there is no other foundation than _____.

D. The coming judgment of the work (3:12-15)

1. The manner of their work (3:12)

- Each one builds on the foundation with _____.

2. The judgment of their work (3:13)

- The nature of one's work will be revealed in _____.

3. The reward (3:14)

- One whose work endures the judgment will be _____.

4. The loss (3:15)

- One whose work is burned up will _____ except their salvation.

III. The warning (3:16-17)

A. The Temple of God (3:16)

- Paul states that they are the temple of God where _____.

B. The warning against defilement (3:17)

- Paul warns that those who defile the temple will be _____.

IV. All belong to Christ (3:18-23)

A. A plea for realism (3:18)

- Paul calls them to not be deceived by the _____.

B. God's view of worldly wisdom (3:19-20)

- Paul points out that the wisdom of the world is _____.

C. The principle (3:21a)

- We are not to _____.

D. The reality (3:21b-23)

- All things belong to _____ and the church is _____.