

[1 Corinthians]

## Lesson 4

**Jesus Will Judge**

**Our Work**

**(1 Corinthian 3:1-15)**



# 1. The Corinthian Church Was Carnal (**not spiritual / worldly**)



(1 Corinthians 3:1) *And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal (**worldly**), even as unto babes (**baby**) in Christ.*



[Rom. 12:1-2] We need to change the way we think and act. Be not conformed (copy) this world [worldly / carnal].

(1 Corinthians 3:2) *I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto (until now) ye were not able to bear (receive) it (meat), neither yet now are ye able.*



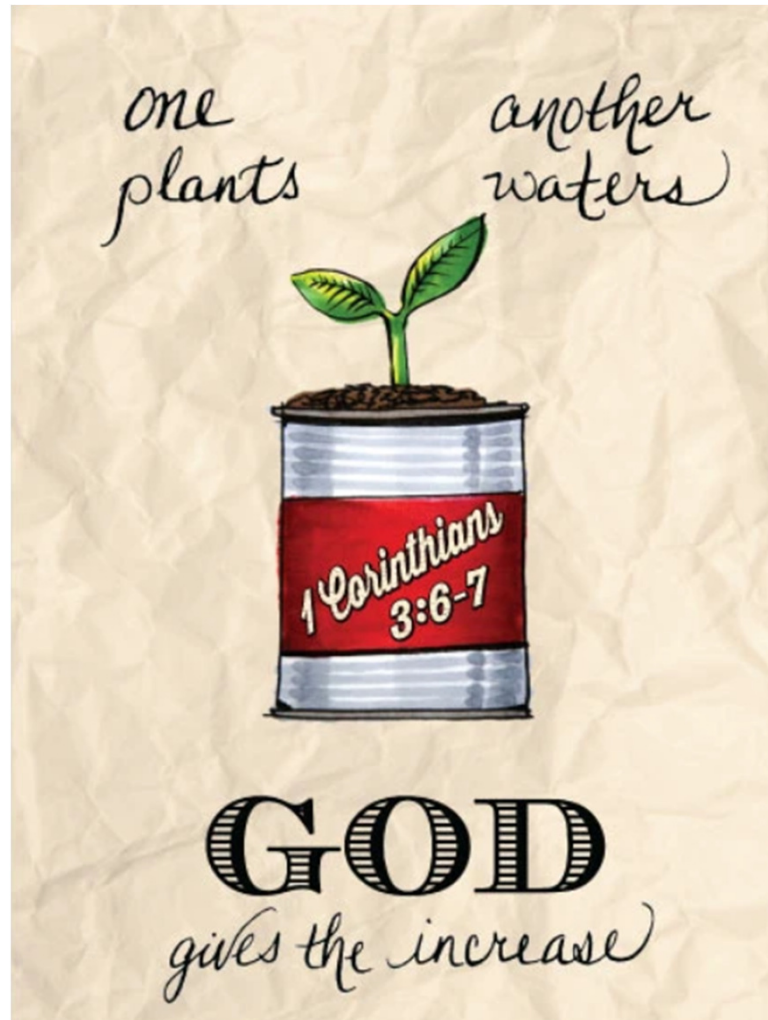
Paul wanted to feed the Corinthian's with adult food, but they were not ready.  
[Eph. 4:11-16] God has given pastors and teachers to His church to help His people grow.

(1 Corinthians 3:3) *For ye are yet carnal (**worldly**): for whereas (**because**) there is among you envying (**jealous**), and strife (**argue**), and divisions (**separate groups**), are ye not carnal (**worldly**), and walk as men (**world**)? (4) For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal (**worldly**)?*



[1 Cor. 1:10-12] Paul before heard the Corinthian church was fighting; now Paul tells them why they were fighting—they were carnal (worldly). --First, they must learn to exalt/worship God and NOT exalt/worship man, and they must learn to be humble like Christ.

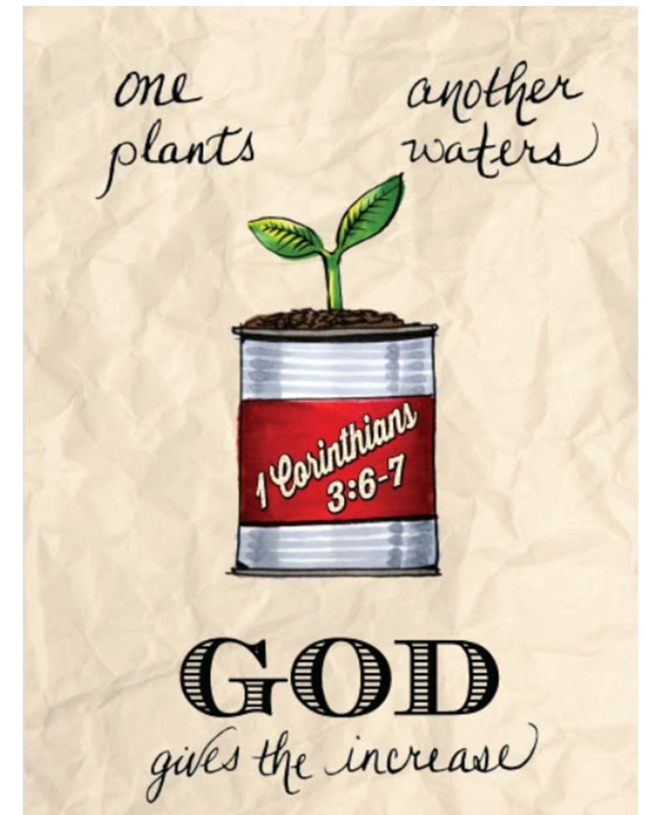
## 2. Exalt God; Do Not Exalt Men



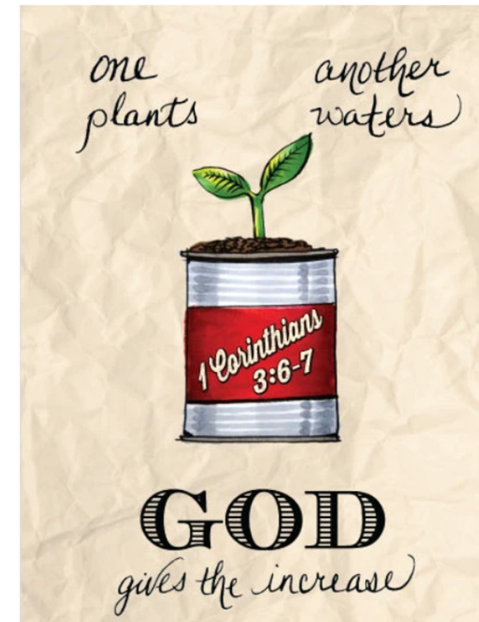


(1 Corinthians 3:5) *Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers (**servants**) by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?*

Paul and Apollos are only servants of God.



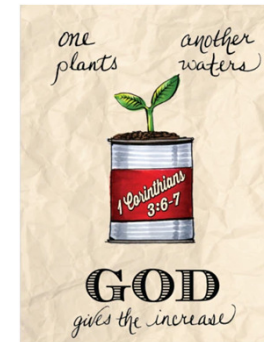
(1 Corinthians 3:6) I (*Paul*) have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase (*growth/life*).  
(7) So then neither (*not*) is he that planteth any thing [*great*], neither (*not*) he that watereth [*great*]; but [*yes, is great*] God that giveth the increase .





(1 Corinthians 3:8-9) *Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour (work).*

*(9) For we are labourers (workers) together with God: ye are God's husbandry (farm), ye are God's building.*

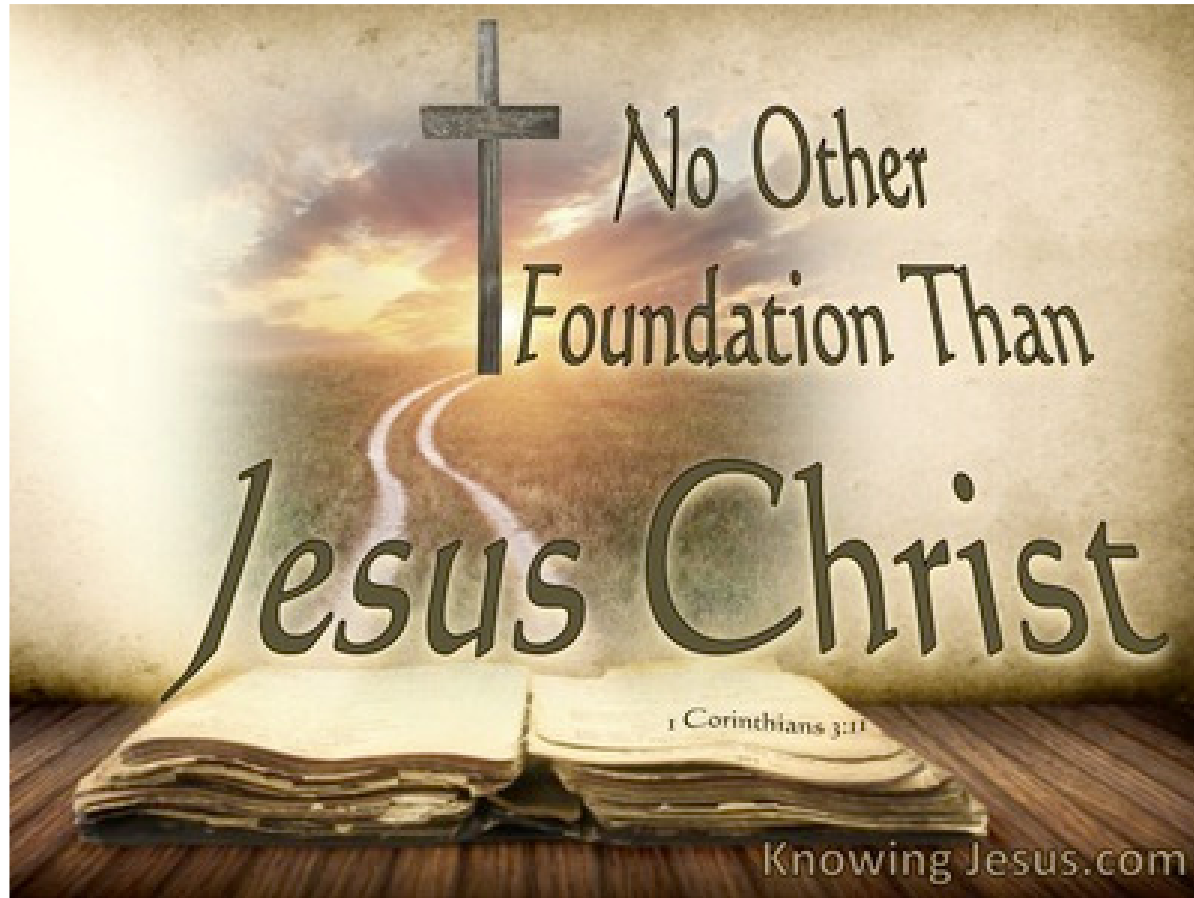


**\*Both are servants of God.**

[Eph. 1:22-23] The Church is like a building; Jesus is the most important stone and the foundation of the building.

We belong to God; we do NOT belong to man.

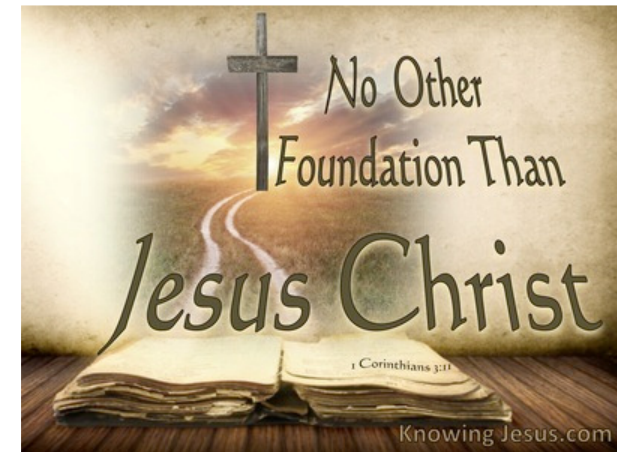
### 3. Paul Laid the Foundation for the Corinthian Church



(1 Corinthians 3:10-11) *According to the grace of God which is given unto me (Paul), as a wise masterbuilder, I (Paul) have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed (careful) how he buildeth thereupon. (11) For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

\*Paul first told them about Jesus.

[Acts 4:12] Jesus is the only true foundation.



## 4. Our Works Will Be Tested.



(1 Corinthians 3:12) *Now if any man build upon this foundation (Jesus/Gospel) gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; (13) Every man's work shall be made manifest (shown): for the day shall declare (show) it (works), because it shall be revealed (shown) by fire; and the fire shall try (test/judge) every man's work of what sort [good or bad] it is.*

\*Judgment Seat of Christ

\*\*Jesus eyes are as a fire.

\*The Law Book is the Bible.





(1 Corinthians 3:14) *If any man's work abide (stay) which he hath built thereupon [on top of Jesus], he shall receive a reward. (15) If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire [loss of works/reward].*



[Rom. 8:1] *A Christian's works may be burned; but he himself will be saved. "There is now no condemnation."*