



The Apostrophe Changes Everything – 1 Corinthians 3:5-17

Characteristic: Living Under God's Apostrophe (1 Corinthians 3:5–17)

1. In 1 Corinthians 3:9, Paul repeats that we are “God’s” in several different ways. Where do you most tend to forget that you belong to God? Is it in your identity, your decisions, your relationships, or your purpose? What would it look like this week to live more consciously as someone who is His?
2. This week’s sermon emphasized that “ownership changes treatment.” How do you typically treat yourself when you feel like your identity is your own responsibility rather than God’s possession? How might your mindset shift if you truly believed, “I am His”?
3. Paul says we are “God’s building,” and that Jesus Christ is the only foundation (1 Cor. 3:11). When you examine your life honestly, what are you most tempted to build on? Approval, success, comfort, control, or something else? How can you intentionally build on Christ this week?
4. In 1 Corinthians 3:12–15, Paul describes work that either endures or burns up. What kinds of attitudes or actions in your current season feel like “wood, hay, straw” rather than lasting, eternal investment? What would it look like to build with greater intentionality?
5. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 3:16 that we are “God’s temple” and that His Spirit dwells in us. How does that truth challenge the way you think about your daily life, your struggles, or your sense of worth? Where do you need to be reminded that God is **present** with you, and not **distant** from you?
6. This week’s sermon challenged us to replace lies like “I don’t matter,” “I should be further along,” or “I have to hold everything together” with truth. Which of those statements (or another one) do you find yourself believing most often right now? What truth from Scripture do you need to anchor yourself in this week?