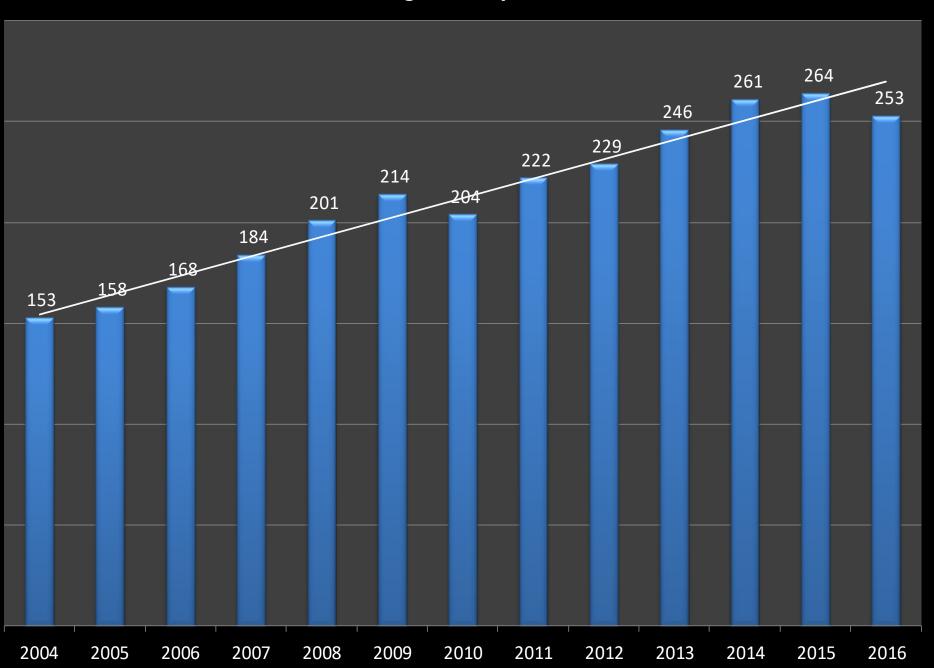
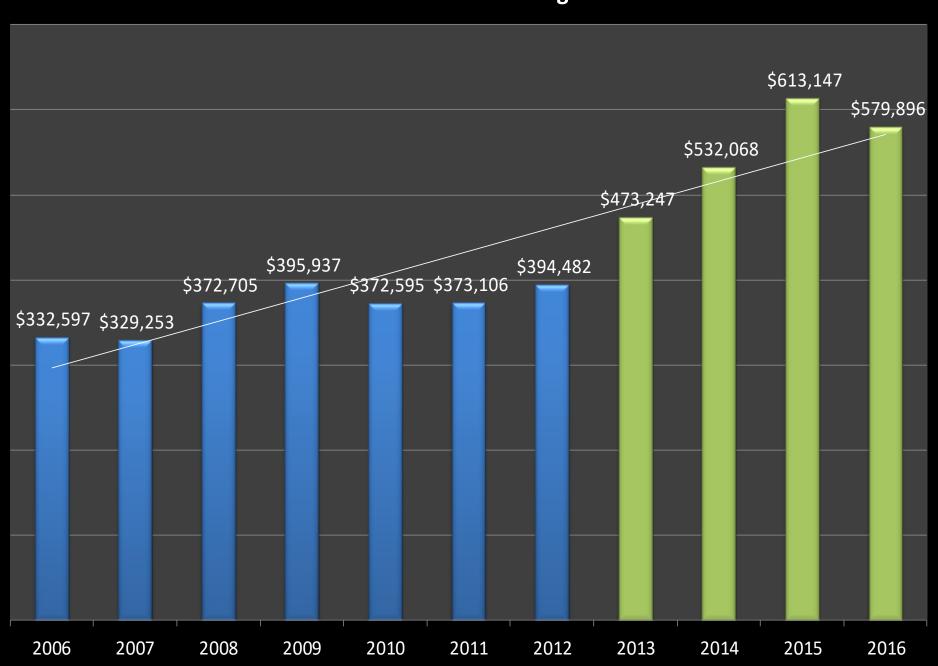


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Then it shall come about when the Lord your God brings you into the land...to give you, great and splendid cities which you did not build, and houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and hewn cisterns which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you eat and are satisfied, then watch yourself, that you do not forget the Lord...

Deuteronomy 6:10-12

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; a land where you will eat food without scarcity, in which you will not lack anything; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper.

Deuteronomy 8:7-17

When you have eaten and are satisfied...Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God...otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them, and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord...

Deuteronomy 8:7-17

He led you through the great and terrible wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water; He brought water for you out of the rock of flint. In the wilderness He fed you manna which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do good for you in the end. Otherwise, you may say in your heart, "My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth."

Deuteronomy 8:7-17



# Pride in the Corinthian Church [1 Corinthians]

Chapters 1-2: Exalted human wisdom

Chapters 3-4: Exalted human leaders

Chapter 5: Tolerated sin by neglecting church discipline

Chapter 6: Took each other to court

Chapter 8-9: Insisted on their rights to eat meat sacrificed to idols

Chapters 11-13: In their corporate worship service

- Lacked submission in family/church roles
- Looked out for their own interests at Lord's table
- Used their spiritual gifts to draw attention to themselves

### I exhort you, be imitators of me 1 Corinthians 4:16

# Be imitators of me, just as I am of Christ 1 Corinthians 11:1

## **Imitating Humility**

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1. Be THANKFUL even for sinning saints [1:4-9]



Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment. For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by Chloe's people, that there are quarrels among you. Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, "I am of Paul," and "I of Apollos," and "I of Cephas," and "I of Christ."

1 Corinthians 1:10-12

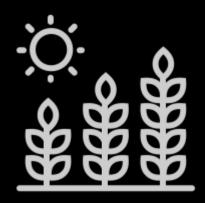
For you are still fleshly.

For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men? For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not mere men?

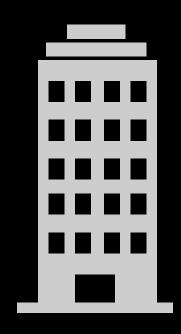
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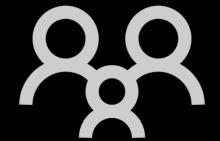
#### The church as a...







Building 1 Cor. 3:9b-13 1 Cor. 4:1-2



Household

### **Imitating Humility**

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Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time?

Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.

Matthew 24:45-46

Feeling useless

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As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

[1 Peter 4:10]

- Feeling useless
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Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds.

[Hebrews 10:24]

- Feeling useless
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Will you promise to exercise a mutual care, to promote the growth of the whole body in Christian knowledge, holiness and comfort; to contribute, as a <u>faithful steward</u>, such time, talent and money, in the measure that Christ prospers you, that the responsibility of the local church and the world-wide ministry of spreading the Gospel be faithfully discharged?

[CMC Membership Vows]

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Blessed are those slaves whom the master will find on the alert when he comes; truly I say to you, that he will gird himself to serve, and have them recline at the table, and will come up and wait on them.

[Luke 12:37]

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"We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done."

[Luke 17:10]

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For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a...servant of Christ.

[Galatians 1:10]



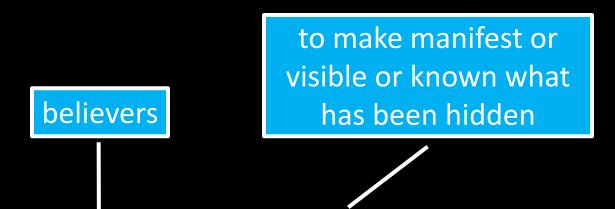
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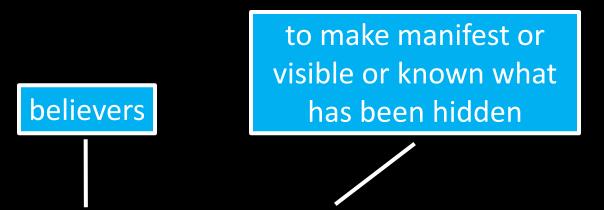
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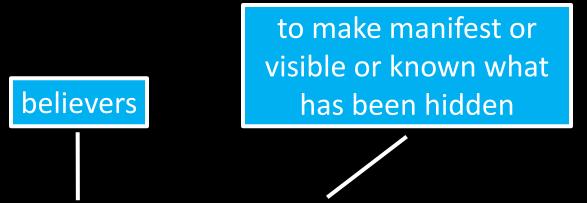
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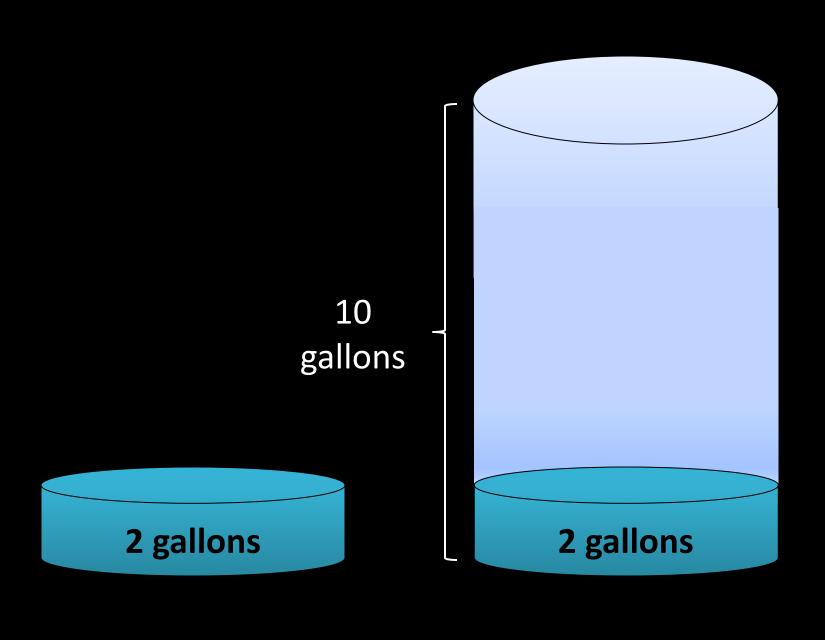
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But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL GIVE PRAISE TO GOD." So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.

Romans 14:10





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