### THE MOST IMPORTANT THING

## 1 CORINTHIANS 3:4-9 (NLT)

"When one of you says, "I am a follower of Paul," and another says, "I follow Apollos," aren't you acting just like people of the world? 5 After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God's servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. 6 I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. 7 It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. 8 The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. 9 For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building."

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# **1** CORINTHIANS 1:11-13 (NLT)

"For some members of Chloe's household have told me about your quarrels, my dear brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> Some of you are saying, "I am a follower of Paul."

Others are saying, "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Peter," or "I follow only Christ."

<sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided into factions? Was I, Paul, crucified for you?

Were any of you baptized in the name of Paul? Of course not!"

# **★** MERRIAM/WEBSTER DEFINE THE WORD "DIVISION" AS... A LACK OF AGREEMENT OR HARMONY

# **MARK 3:24-27 (AMP)**

"If a kingdom is divided [split into factions and rebelling] against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end."

(DIVIDE & CONQUER FROM WITHIN... IS A PRINCIPLE THAT EVEN SATAN UNDERSTANDS)

#### **1** CORINTHIANS 3:1-3 (EXB)

"Brothers and sisters, in the past I could not talk to you as I talk to ·spiritual people

[or people who have the Spirit]. I had to talk to you as I would to ·people without the Spirit

[unspiritual/carnal/fleshly people]—·babies [infants] in Christ. 2 ·The teaching I gave you was like milk... not solid food, because you were not yet able to take solid food [the comparison is between basic and advanced teaching]. And even now you are not ready. 3 You are still ·not spiritual... because there is ·iealousy [envy] and ·quarreling [conflict; rivalry] among you, and this shows that you are ·not spiritual... You are ·acting [living; walking] ·like people of the world [or like ordinary/unsaved people; or on a merely human level...]."

## **1** CORINTHIANS 1:10 (NLT)

"I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to <u>live in harmony</u> with each other. <u>Let there be no divisions</u> in the church.

Rather, be of <u>one mind</u>, united in <u>thought</u> and <u>purpose</u>."

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7 It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering.

What's important is that God makes the seed grow (or increase)."

## **1** CORINTHIANS 3:5, 8-9 (NLT)

"After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God's servants through whom you believed the Good News (or the Message). Each of us did the work the Lord gave us...

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