

A close-up photograph of two vibrant green leaves. The leaf in the foreground is slightly out of focus, while the one behind it is sharper. A single, clear water droplet is perched on the surface of the front leaf, reflecting light. The background is a dark, blurred brown.

First
Corinthians

growing pains

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1 Corinthians 16:1-24

¹ Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. ² On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting



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when I come. ³ And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. ⁴ If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me. ⁵ I will visit you after passing through Macedonia, for I intend to



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pass through Macedonia, ⁶ and perhaps I will stay with you or even spend the winter, so that you may help me on my journey, wherever I go. ⁷ For I do not want to see you now just in passing. I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits. ⁸ But I will



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stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, ⁹ for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

¹⁰ When Timothy comes, see that you put him at ease among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord, as I am. ¹¹ So let no one



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despise him. Help him on his way in peace, that he may return to me, for I am expecting him with the brothers. ¹² Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to visit you with the other brothers, but it was not at all his will to



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come now. He will come when he has opportunity.

¹³ Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. ¹⁴ Let all that you do be done in love. ¹⁵ Now I urge you, brothers—
you know that the household of Stephanas



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were the first converts in Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints—¹⁶ be subject to such as these, and to every fellow worker and laborer. ¹⁷ I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus,



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because they have made up for your absence, ¹⁸ for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such people.

¹⁹ The churches of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together



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with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. ²⁰ All the brothers send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

²¹ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. ²² If anyone has no love for the Lord,



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let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! ²³ The
grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. ²⁴ My
love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.



Leader: The Word of the Lord

Congregation: Amen! Praise be to
God!

5 Ministry Principles

1. Stewardship Principles
2. Warfare Principles
3. Authority Principles
4. Manhood Principles
5. Servant Principles



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Warfare Principles

⁸ But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost,
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Warfare Principles

- Be prepared to face **opposition** when doing the Lord's work.



Authority Principles

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¹² Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to visit you with the other brothers, but it was not at all his will to come now. He will come when he has opportunity.



Authority Principles

- Use your authority to **champion** and **build up** others.



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- Use your authority to champion and build up others.
- Don't abuse your authority by **controlling** others



Manhood Principles

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Manhood Principles

- Be **Watchful**



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- **Stand Firm** in The Faith



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Manhood Principles

- Be Watchful
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Servant Principles

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Servant Principles

- Willingly and joyfully follow those who are over you.



Application

Reflect on these ministry principles and ask the Lord which principle He wants you to focus on this week.



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