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1 Corinthians 3:8-23

What do we do with Chapter Three?

1. I have to deal with what the Word says: If I claim to be a follower of Jesus – God calls me personally, individually to hear and to respond to him right now. Am I? What keeps me from being all in with team Jesus?
2. Am I Spiritually mature? Have I grown spiritually in the last 5 years?
 - Do I thirst for God?
 - Am I governed increasingly by God's Word?
 - Am I loving?
 - Am I more sensitive to God's presence?
 - Do I have a growing concern for the spiritual and temporal needs of others?
 - Do I delight in the Bride of Christ?
 - Are the spiritual disciplines increasingly important to me?
 - Do I still grieve over sin?
 - Am I quick to forgive?
 - Do I yearn for heaven and to be with Jesus?
3. Over the last 5 years – have I made more peace or more conflict?

Later in this letter, Paul described himself as the “least of the apostles” (1 Corinthians 5:9). About five years later when writing to Ephesus, he described himself as the “least of God's people” (Ephesians

3:8). Then, after a few more years passed, Paul described himself as “the worst of all sinners” (1 Timothy 1:15). From year-to-year, Paul kept growing spiritually, becoming increasingly aware of his sin, and with increasing humility declared his only hope in Jesus. Can I say the same? What about you? Let's take Paul's command to heart: “Follow my example as I follow the example of Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1).

