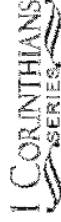


(un)conventional wisdom



The Church – God’s Work **1 Cor. 3:1-17**

1. It is possible to possess the Spirit of God and still act like a pagan.
 - The milk and meat of the Cross
 - Relationships expose us
2. People play a significant role in God’s work but it’s God’s Work!
 - God assigns the roles
 - God produces the results
3. Everyone will receive a reward for His/Her role in building God’s Church.
 - Everyone is building God’s Church.
 - Our building material must match the quality of the foundation.
 - We will be evaluated and rewarded.

* *Fifth* message in the 1st Corinthians series, by Pastor Tim Hawks. CDs of this message (05/04/08) may be purchased at the Media Center or listened to online at www.hcbc.com.

REALife Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

1. According to 1 Cor. 3:1-4, when believers follow their human nature instead of the Holy Spirit they can act like pagans. How do you know you are following the Spirit? See Gal. 5:16-26.
2. What does it mean to be a “fellow-worker” with God? See 1 Cor. 3:9. Do you see yourself as a fellow worker with God? Where and how are you partnering with Him?
3. God has called us to build His church. What role do you play in building the church of God? What is your ministry “assignment”?
4. In 1 Cor. 3:10-15, we learn that believers will face a judgment to evaluate the quality of their service to Jesus Christ. What impact does that future reality have on you now?

Memory Verse

For we are God's fellow workers;
you are God's field, God's building.

1st Corinthians 3:9