



“Letters to the Corinthians” Study Notes

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Lesson 6: Time for Solid Food

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Read Philippians 2:5-8. Describe the “mind of Christ” that we are given here. What was rightly due to Christ? Why did He set that aside? If we are to have this same mind among us, what will our lives look like?

Read Titus 2:3-5. I purposely chose this section as it pertains directly to women. What kind of women are described here? What is their job/role?

These are women who are mature in the faith, so they are able to do what they are commanded to do. Consider these characteristics. Do they describe you?

If not, do you see growth in your life in those areas? If not, why not? Examine yourself carefully and consider whether there is a sin issue that is preventing you from growing and maturing as you should in those areas.

Read 2 Corinthians 13:5-6. For what purpose should they examine themselves? What does Paul hope they will realize as a result?

Read Philippians 2:12-13. How seriously should we take this direction to work out our salvation? Who is at work in us? For what purpose?

Read 2 Peter 1:5-11. What should we make every effort to do? What result do we find if we have those qualities and they are increasing in our lives?

What should we be diligent to do? What does that mean? What is the promise that we have as we see those characteristics made manifest in our lives?

Read John 17:20-24. Who is Jesus praying for here? What is He praying for?

What has He given to these people? What also does He desire for these people?

If you are a believer today, do you realize that YOU are included in this prayer? Jesus was praying for YOU in this prayer. Knowing that, as we consider why it is important to examine ourselves and be sure that we are in the faith, what assurance do we have from Jesus?

As you spend time with God today, consider how you measure up in light of these verses. Are you growing in Christ? Is your faith stagnant? Are you becoming a mature believer or are you staying an immature believer?

Ask God to help you to see how your growth in Christ is progressing, and be honest. If you are stagnant? Ask God to help you to grow. Don't stay immature and wondering if your faith is even real.

Ask God to change your heart, to draw you nearer to Him, to give you new affections and make you His. Hold fast to the truth that those who are truly His will STAY His and will not be lost. Ask God to kindle your heart to grow more in grace and truth every day.