

Planting and Watering in God's Field

1 Cor 3:5-9

1 Corinthians 3:4-5

They are only _____.

God gives to every man

Victory

Ministers: diakonia – servants, instruments, not _____.

Menial common worker ... free or slave.

Often used--_____ waiter

_____ to build a movement or monument around waiters or bus boys.

Waiters of tables whose main purpose is to serve food of God's Word.

You're doing us no favor by putting us up on _____.

Your glory is misplaced.

Mac: ... The world cannot see beyond itself. But Christians know God...the Creator, the Sustainer, the Savior, the Lord of the universe, and the Source of all things. He alone is worthy of _____. We are but His servants, His instruments....

even as the Lord gave to every man? God gave to each of us specific gift, passion, talent, _____.

Qualities of fruitful ministry.

1. _____.

1 Corinthians 3:6

Different tools, instruments, people needed to have great harvest

Ministry: Planters, waterers, plowers, _____

Different _____ gifts

Different _____

Why church grow? People using _____ in body of Christ.

All have _____ for souls.

but God gave the increase.

God is total source of all increase and growth.

2. _____.

1 Corinthians 3:7

Why compare teachers, preachers, statistics?

Lenski: *Men are nothing, and God is not only something but as the contrast implies, He is _____.*

Wiersbe: *It is not the human laborers that produce the harvest, but the _____ of the harvest.*

Any work or labor of ministry apart from blessing and power of God--
_____!

Who we are.

Ps 139:14 Fearfully and wonderfully made

Eph 1:6 _____ in beloved.

Job 4:19 tenants of houses made with clay..... crushed as easily as the _____.

Job 25:6 ... worm

Isaiah 40:22 ...grasshoppers;

Psalms 49:12 ...: he is like the _____ that perish.

Psalms 103:14 ...dust.

Psalms 103:15 ...as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.....it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

...but God that giveth the increase.

Prayer and _____!

Emphasis on _____.

Praise: desire to bring glory and _____ and praise to God

Growth--God has given increase!

Increase and prayer go hand in hand.

Proud people don't _____ ...praise.

3. _____ (of heart and purpose)

1 Corinthians 3:8

_____ work!

Paul, Apollos, Peter not _____.

Two kinds of fruit.

1. Fruit of _____. Jn 15:8

2. Fruit of _____. Gal 5:22

Wiersbe: *There can be no such thing as _____ ministry, because each worker enters into the labors of others...*

4. _____.

...and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

Romans 14:10, 12 1 Corinthians 3:13

Rewards handed out in proportion to _____.

Matthew 16:27 Matt 25 Parable of _____

1 Corinthians 3:9

Everything is centered on _____

God's husbandry

God's _____.

Not Paul's church

So What?

Most effective ministries/churches in this world:

1. Diversity.
2. Humility.
3. Unity.
4. Accountability.