



“FIRST THINGS FIRST #4”

CHURCH DIVISIONS 2.0 -
STOPPING THEM BEFORE
THEY START

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Text: 1 Corinthians 2 & 3

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- 1. Followers of Christ Must Receive Loving Correction & Criticism as Family**
(1 Corinthians 2:14-16, 3:1)

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1 Cor 2:14 The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

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15 The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments,

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16 for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

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1 Cor. 3:1 Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ.

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2. We Must Not Act Like Sinners and We Do This by Growing Deeper in the Word!
(1 Corinthians 3:2)

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1 Cor. 3:2 I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready.

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3. Jealousy and Strife

Always Result in

Church Division

(1 Corinthians 3:3)

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1 Cor. 3:3 You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans?

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4. Let's Each Do Our
Part...and Watch God
GROW Crossroads!
(1 Corinthians 3:4-9)

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1 Cor. 3:4 For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not mere human beings?

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⁵ What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task.

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6 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.

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⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

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⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor.

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**9 For we are co-workers in
God’s service; you are
God’s field, God’s building.**



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