



FIRST THINGS FIRST

STUDIES_IN
1CORINTHIANS

'Follow the Leader' - 1 Corinthians 1:10-18



*Which
chocolate
am I going
to have?*

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‘Follow the Leader’ - *1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

Paul, Apollos, Peter... and Christ

One of you says, “I follow Paul”; another, “I follow Apollos”; another, “I follow Cephas”; still another, “I follow Christ.”

1 Cor. 1: 12

Essentials and Non-essentials

For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you
except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

1 Cor: 2:2

Essentials and Non-essentials



“Unity in essentials, liberty in non-essentials, charity (love) in all things”

Rupert Meldenius

Essentials and Non-essentials

“Although it is not always easy to distinguish between them, a safe guide is that truths on which Scripture speaks with a clear voice are essentials, whereas whenever equally biblical Christians, equally anxious to understand and obey Scripture, reach different conclusions, these must be regarded as non-essentials.”



John Stott

Co-workers in God's service

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. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow... we are co-workers in God's service.

1 Cor. 3: 5,6,9

Co-workers in God's service

So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours.

1 Cor. 3: 21,22

This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed.

1 Cor. 4: 1

Co-workers in God's service

He must become greater; I must become less.

John 3:30

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul?

1 Cor. 1:13

Why is divisiveness so bad?



Why is divisiveness so bad? – 3 Reasons

1. It grieves the Holy Spirit

His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms.

Eph.3:10

Why is divisiveness so bad? – 3 Reasons

2. It damages our witness for Christ

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

John 13: 34,35

Why is divisiveness so bad? – 3 Reasons

3. It disrupts fellowship among ourselves

Of First Importance

*For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—
not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be
emptied of its power. For the message of the cross is foolishness
to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is
the power of God.*

1 Cor.1: 17,18

Of First Importance

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1 Cor. 2: 2

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I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day.

1 Cor. 15: 3,4

Of First Importance

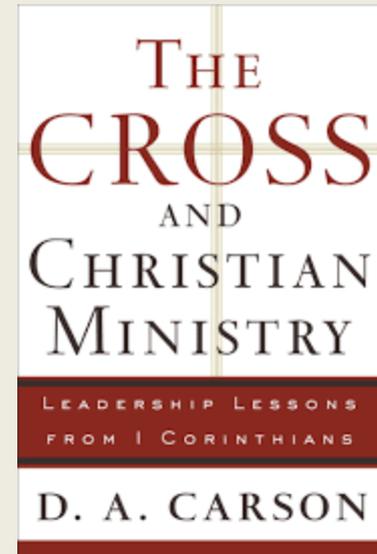
“The church is the only co-operative society that exists for the benefit of its non-members.”

William Temple



Of First Importance

“In the light of the cross, how well do the appeals of competing public philosophies stand up? What place does the cross have in communism? What place does the cross have in capitalism? Will secular humanism lead anyone to the cross of Christ? Do the virtues of democracy lead men and women to the cross?”



Of First Importance

“Whatever the merits or demerits of these various systems, they exhaust their resources on merely superficial levels. They do not reconcile men and women to the living God, and nothing is more important than that.”



D.A Carson

Of First Importance

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought... 1 Cor.1: 10

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Cor.1: 18