



DIGGING DEEPER

1 Corinthians 3v1-23 – **Maturity**

PLEASE READ – 1 Cor 3v1-23

GETTING STARTED (v1-5)

What issue is Paul addressing in v1-2?

In what ways are the church in Corinth failing to grow up? (v3-5)

How do Paul's words to the church in Corinth challenge you today? Try and identify one specific area for growth...

1) FAITHFUL FARMERS

What do we need to remember about Christian leaders? (v5)

How does the analogy of farming in v6-8 both **humble** you and **encourage** you?

Farming requires hard work and patience – is this something you need to be reminded of?

2) CAREFUL BUILDERS

What foundation did Paul lay? (v10-11)

Who do you think the 'someone' in v10 could refer to?

Discuss the building materials in v12-13 and what they represent...

What is the 'reward' and what is the 'loss'? (v14-15)

Why does Paul bring the temple into the discussion? (v16-17)

What have you learnt about building carefully? Apply, Apply, Apply

The church is God's NT temple – Meditate on the wonderful reality...

1 Cor 3v16: Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives among you?