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For my part, brothers and sisters, I was not able to speak to you as spiritual people but as people of the flesh, as babies in Christ.² I gave you milk to drink, not solid food, since you were not yet ready for it. In fact, you are still not ready,³ because you are still worldly. For since there is envy and strife among you, are you not worldly and behaving like mere humans?⁴ For whenever someone says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not acting like mere humans?

1 Corinthians 3:1-4

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⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? They are servants through whom you believed, and each has the role the Lord has given. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So, then, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. ⁹For we are God's coworkers. You are God's field, God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:5-9

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¹⁰According to God's grace that was given to me, I have laid a foundation as a skilled master builder, and another builds on it. But each one is to be careful how he builds on it. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than what has been laid down. That foundation is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:10-11

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¹²If anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw, ¹³each one's work will become obvious. For the day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire; the fire will test the quality of each one's work. ¹⁴If anyone's work that he has built survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone's work is burned up, he will experience loss, but he himself will be saved—but only as through fire.

1 Corinthians 3:12-15

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No doubt every Christian's work is mixed in quality; no doubt we all shall have the awesome sadness of seeing much of our work burned up. This should inspire all Christians to take more thorough care how we are building. Yet, whatever the extent of the loss we shall suffer, nothing in the eternal justice of that fire can tear us away from the love of God or from his salvation.

-David Prior

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¹⁶Don't you yourselves know that you are God's temple and that the Spirit of God lives in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and that is what you are.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

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¹⁸Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks he is wise in this age, let him become a fool so that he can become wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God, since it is written, He catches the wise in their craftiness;²⁰ and again, The Lord knows that the reasonings of the wise are futile.²¹ So let no one boast in human leaders, for everything is yours—²²whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come—everything is yours, ²³and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

1 Corinthians 3:18-23

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The crucified Christ may seem foolish to the world, but this has been God's way to give his people all that he has planned for them to enjoy in the present and the future, in life or in death.

-Paul Gardner

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