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1 Corinthians Part 5

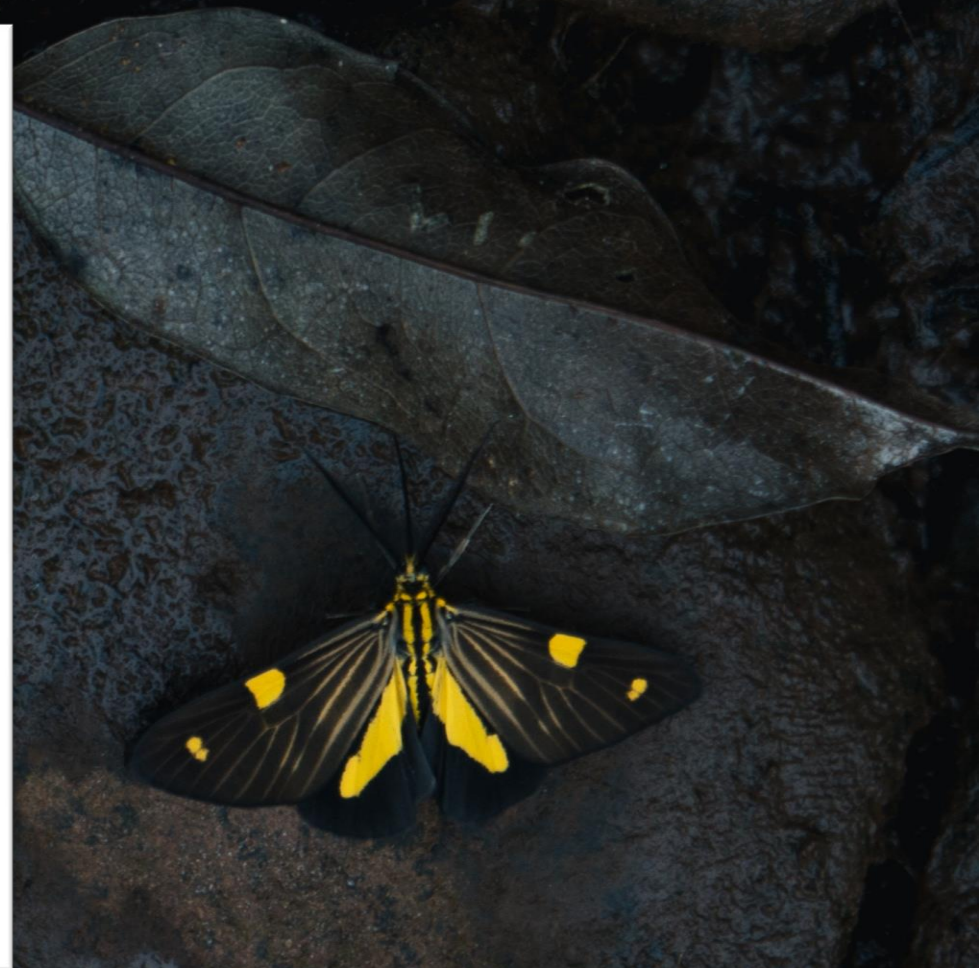


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IT ALL STARTED WITH WHETHER 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13 SHOULD BE TRANSLATED AS "CHARITY" OR "LOVE" AND WENT DOWNHILL FROM THERE.



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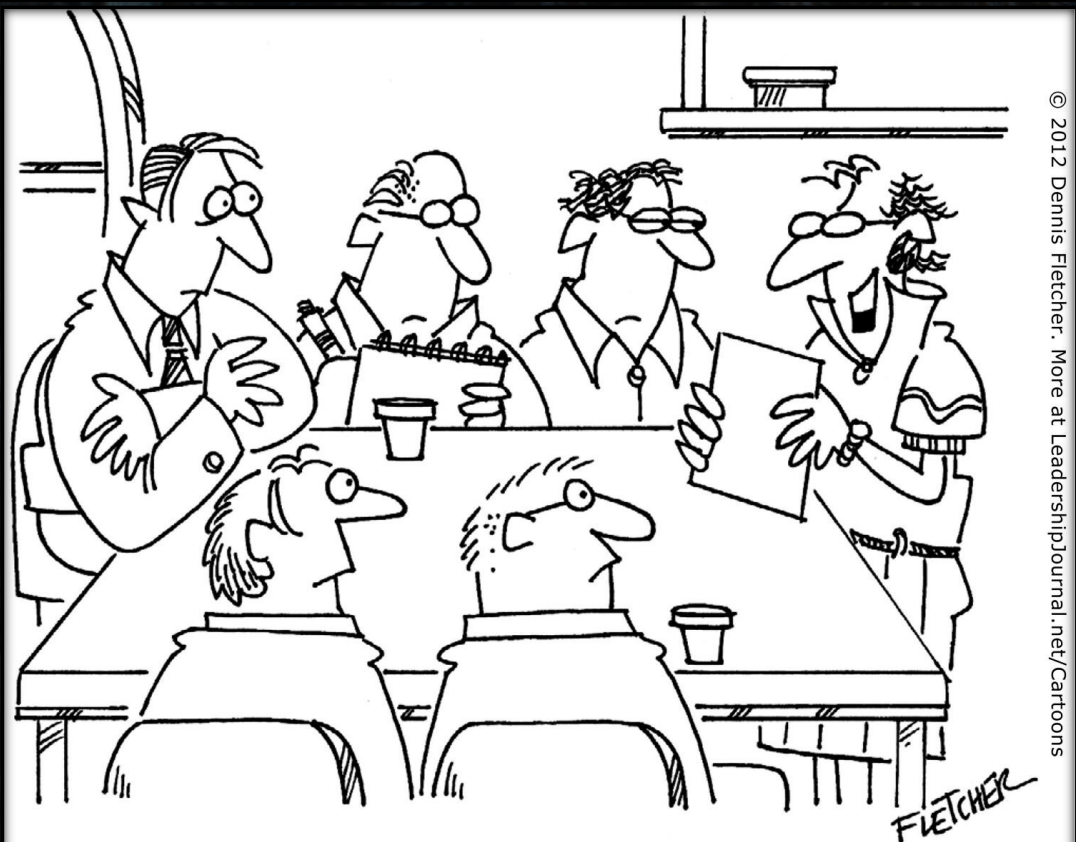
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The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.



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"First, I'd like to thank the board of deacons for this exciting opportunity to finally criticize the pastor in an official capacity."



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1. The Church is to Grow to Maturity



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1 Cor. 3:1-4

“And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; 3 for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? 4 For when one says, “I am of Paul,” and another, “I am of Apollos,” are you not carnal?”



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1. The Church is to Grow to Maturity

A. Their Diet



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Heb. 5:13-14

“For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”



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1. The Church is to Grow to Maturity
 - A. Their Diet
 - B. How they get along with others



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1 Cor. 3:3

“For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?”



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1. The Church is to Grow to Maturity
 - A. Their Diet
 - B. How they get along with others
2. The Church is God's Field



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1 Cor. 3:5-9

“Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. 8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building”



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1. The Church is to Grow to Maturity
 - A. Their Diet
 - B. How they get along with others
2. The Church is God's Field
 - A. There is diversity of ministry



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1. The Church is to Grow to Maturity

- A. Their Diet
- B. How they get along with others

2. The Church is God's Field

- A. There is diversity of ministry
- B. There is unity of purpose
- C. There is humility



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1. The Church is to Grow to Maturity
2. The Church is God's Field
3. The Church is God's Temple



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vs. 9 "...you are God's building." and then we see what this building is:"

Vs. 17 "For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are"



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1. The Church is to Grow to Maturity
2. The Church is God's Field
3. The Church is God's Temple
 - A. We must build on the right foundation



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1 Cor. 3:11

“For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”



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1. The Church is to Grow to Maturity
2. The Church is God's Field
3. The Church is God's Temple
 - A. We must build on the right foundation
 - B. We must build with the right materials



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1 Cor. 3:12-17

“Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. 16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? 17 If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.”



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2. The Church is God's Field
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 - A. We must build on the right foundation
 - B. We must build with the right materials
 - C. We must build with the right plan



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1 Cor. 3:18-20

"Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "HE CATCHES THE WISE IN THEIR OWN CRAFTINESS"; 20 and again, "THE LORD KNOWS THE THOUGHTS OF THE WISE, THAT THEY ARE FUTILE."



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 - C. We must build with the right plan
 - D. We must build with the right motive



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1 Cor. 3:21-23

“Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours: 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come—all are yours. 23 And you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.”

