A WISE BUILDER

1 Corinthians 3:1–23

Key Verse: 3:11

1. How did Paul rebuke the Corinthian Christians? (1–4; cf. 1:11,12) What does it mean to be “worldly”? To act like “mere humans”? What is “solid food,” and how can we be “ready” for it? (Heb5:12–14)
2. What did Paul say about his ministry and that of Apollos among them? (5–9) What can we learn here about co-working? Why is so important to acknowledge what God is doing?
3. What does it mean to “lay a foundation as a wise builder”? (10–15; cf. Heb6:1) To what might the different building materials refer? (12) What is “the Day” and the test of fire? (1:8) How can we build on the foundation of Jesus Christ practically?
4. How else does Paul appeal to them not to fight each other? (16,17) Of what danger does he warn them? (18–20) What is his conclusion, and how can we live with this worldview and conviction? (21–23)