

**Lives Being Restored**  
**“Building Spiritual Apprentices”**  
**10-5-08**

**Vision Statement:** “...*growing disciples and leaders in Christ’s likeness...*”

**Jesus:** Go into all the world and make Disciples (spiritual apprentices) Matt. 28:19

*“A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.”* Luke 6:40

Peter...discipling relationship w. Jesus who trained him to “fish for men”

Paul was blessed by Peter to make disciples of Gentiles.

**Paul:** “*The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.*” **2 Tim. 2:2**

**Theme Verse:** **1 Cor. 3:9-10** *For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds.*

**Last Week:** **We need to build with divine power tools. (Word: precious promises)**

Word, Witness, Worship, Prayer, Stewardship, Serving, Discipling Relationships

**FOCUS:** We are all subcontractors training “spiritual apprentices” (disciples).

**“Disciple”** – **A fully devoted follower of Jesus who is discipling others to disciple others.**

instructing / modeling / coaching / mentoring how to follow Christ.

\* Coach Peterson – run a straight line Coach Graves - relational

\* Passing on any knowledge or skill deepens our own understanding appreciation and commitment.

\*Teach Nate my songs...caused me to grow...he taught his cousin

S.A.L.T. - Transferable

**Key Principle:** multiplication/reproducing principle from Jesus, Paul, Apostles

Make disciples who make disciples!

**Text:** **1 Cor. 3:1-17**

**Context:** **Corinth** (LasVegas) multi-cultural, sexually perverted, Greek pride in knowledge.

**Church:** Gentiles, Paul lived there 18 months, trained leaders like Aquilla & Pricilla, house churches, wrote approx. 3 yrs. later, proud of knowledge yet spiritually immature, divided over popular leaders,

Paul reminds the Christians power not human wisdom or persuasion, but the cross of Christ...foolishness to shame wise...have “mind of Christ” (2:16)

**Vs. 1-4 - Corrective word:** Immature to quarrel over follow Paul...follow Apollos

**Vs. 5-9 – “Subcontractors”:** men, servants, separate tasks, GOD GROWS!

Subcontractors working for “one purpose” – spiritual growth!

**Vs. 10-15 – Discipling Blueprint:**

**GRACE** of God enables ALL growth spiritually  
**Experience EXPERT (master) BUILDER** - Laid correct foundation  
\* Divine Power Tools – Word, Prayer, etc.  
**OTHERS** build on it – combined effort; “Team”  
“Cause leads to community”  
**MATERIALS** (spirit) – faith, hope & love, etc...perseverance.  
Endure the test of fire.  
Good advise, skills, education are all good but not eternal.

**Examples:** Youth: Shawn / Todd (Greg) / Joel  
Marriage: Houseknechts (Petroff's / Hinshaw) / Kuba's / Andy men  
Spitzer / Garrotts / mentoring  
**Stan: 1 Thes. 2:8** *“We loved you so much that we not only shared the gospel of God but our very lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.”*

**Multiplication Questions:** Who are your spiritual mentors? Who are you mentoring spiritually? Will they be able to mentor others?  
\*\* **Plant multiplication principle** with everyone you help...pass it on!  
\*\* **INVESTMENT** – Long Term (Warren Buffet)  
\*\* **TIMING:** Cannot wait until you know it all...but not when in crisis either!

**Application question:** Do you feel you are missing something in your Christian life? Have you lost a passion for God's Word, Worship, Witness, Prayer, Serving, Stewardship (Giving)?

**Philemon 1:6** I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.

**\* Pray for an apprentice! Pray for a Spiritual Coach/Mentor!**