

Grow up!

1 Cor. 3:1-17; c.f. 2 Cor. 3

“Immaturity during infancy is normal, but if that condition is unduly prolonged the result is monstrous.” [Geoffrey Wilson]

- **Progress (Maturity) Is Healthy / Lack of Maturity (Growth) is Frustrating!**
 - **Healthy things grow!**
 - **The Effect of Immaturity on the Spiritual Leader: Paul’s State of Frustration**

- **Three Analogies (v. 1-12)**

- **Children & The Broken-Hearted Father (v. 1-4)**
(c.f. Heb. 5:11-14; 1 Pet. 2:2-3)
- **The Field & The Frustrated Farmer (v. 5-9)**
(c.f. Matt. 13:1-23)
- **The Building Project & The Behind-Schedule Contractor (v.9–12)**
(c.f. Eph. 2:19-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-10)

- **What’s At Stake! – Judgment Day (v. 15-17)**

- **Not Your Salvation (v.15)**
- **But Your Fruitfulness / Reward – Avoiding a Worthless Life (v.13-14)**
- **For Temple-destroyers – Destruction (v. 16-17)**

“There is something worse than building badly on the foundation that has already been built, that is to destroy what has already been built.” [Geoffrey Wilson]

- **Applying this Teaching:**

- **The Corinthian Situation**
- **The Crossroads Situation**
 - Are there areas of “persistent immaturity” in your life?
 - Is your field full of weeds? Has the soil become hard (unworkable)?
 - Have you been working on the construction project, or heckling from the sidelines, or worse yet, have you been sabotaging the job from within?