

Paul the Planter and His Church in Crisis

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Why Pastors are a Weird Bunch: 1 Corinthians 2:1-9

What does it mean to be spiritual?

- We live in a spiritual _____
- This world has many definitions of what it means to be spiritual
- Even _____ have different definitions

Paul's Describes His Role in Corinth

Descriptive Scripture, not prescriptive Scripture.

I. A Church needs a _____

A. There is a message in _____

- You are being influenced.
- Everyone needs a paid professional to _____ at them for direction and growth.

"For this reason I am sending to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church." (1 Corinthians 4:17)

B. Pastors are _____

- Not Rock Star _____
"I did not come to you in eloquence . . ."
- Socially _____
- Most Desperately Want to be _____
"I can to you in weakness and fear, with much trembling."
- Most are People _____

II. Pastors Need to Use the _____

- The Message Must Come from the Bible
- The Message Must Point to _____
"For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."



Last Week:

Paul the Apostle

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

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This Week:

Why Pastors are a Weird Bunch

1 Corinthians 2:1-9

Next Week:

Wise Like Jesus

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

III. The Bible Must Be Understood

Communication Priority

- A Pastor's Job _____ to Appear Smart
"I did not come . . . With superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God." " . . . So that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power."

Language Priority

- A Pastor' Job _____ to be Understood
"My message and preaching were not with wise and persuasive words . . ."

Classical Greek vs. Koinai Greek

IV. Why? Because it is about Spiritual Growth

- A Pastor's Job is to Bridge the Gap between Jesus' _____ and

". . . We speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God has destined for our glory before time began."

- It's God's Spirit's job to _____
"Not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, . . . A Wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began."

V. So, what does it mean to be Spiritual?

- _____ On God's Word
"For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him Crucified."
- Seek God's Wisdom
". . . Not the wisdom of this age . . ."
- Then God's Spirit reveals _____ Truth
"But God has revealed it to us by his Spirit"

1 Corinthians

Chapter 2

(1)When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.

(2)For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

(3)I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling.

(4)My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, (5)so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

(6)We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.

(7)No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.

(8)None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

(9)However, as it is written:
"No eye has seen,
no ear has heard,
no mind has conceived
what God has prepared for those who love him"—

(10)but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.