

**Correction to Perfection: 1 Corinthians**  
The Immaturity Of Human Wisdom  
*1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

**I. Examine the Source Of Their Immaturity!**

A. There is a past evaluation. *1 Corinthians 3:1-2a*

1. *In 1 Corinthians 3.1 the comparison is not between a person with the Spirit to person without the Spirit, but is between a Christian who has matured in the Spirit and one who hasn't.*

2. *Paul characterizes them in two ways:*

a. They were 'as people of the flesh.' *Romans 8.9*

b. They were 'as infants.'

B. There is a presents evaluation. *1 Corinthians 3:2b*

1. *These Corinthian believers hadn't grown up.*  
*1 Corinthians 3:3a*

2. *In verse one, they were Christians who exhibited their humanness; in verse 3, they are Christians who are controlled by their humanness.*

3. *The flesh is the remains of our Adamic nature.*  
*Romans 6:6; 7:15-18; Galatians 5:16-17*

C. The source of their immaturity is their flesh.

**II. Expose the Symptoms Of Their Immaturity!**

*1 Corinthians 3:3b*

A. The inner symptom of immaturity is jealousy.

1. *Jealousy is an inner obsession with what someone else has, desiring to have it for themselves. Song of Solomon 8:6*

B. The outer symptoms of immaturity.

1. *'Strife'—the outer manifestation of jealousy that it will always result in division*

2. *They looked like the unsaved. 1 Corinthians 3:4b*

**III. Explain the Solution For Their Immaturity!**

A. Worship God, not people!

B. The right perspective regarding spiritual leaders:

**B1. Spiritual leaders are only table - waiters.**  
*1 Corinthians 3:5*

**B2. Spiritual leaders are very limited.**  
*1 Corinthians 3:6-7*

**B3. Spiritual leaders are on the same team.**  
*1 Corinthians 3:8a*

**A4. Spiritual leaders work for God, not people.**  
*1 Corinthians 3:8b-9*  
*Matthew 5:12; 6:4, 6, 18; 16:27; Luke 6:35; Romans 2:6; 1 Cor. 3:14; 2 John 1:8; Revelation 2:23; 22:12*