

# SERMON NOTES

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**Date:** November 12, 2017

**Series:** Messy Church

**Title:** Marks of Spiritual Immaturity

**Text:** 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

**Big Idea:** Every Christian wants to be spiritually mature, but some still act like infants in Christ. Paul helps us identify two marks of spiritual immaturity that every believer needs to grow beyond and leave behind.

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# MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

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## REVIEW THE SERMON

Why was Paul unable to address the Corinthians as “spiritual people”? \_\_\_\_\_

When children grow up they give up childish ways (1 Corinthians 13:11). Name some childish ways maturing Christians leave behind? \_\_\_\_\_

How did Paul model maturity in the way he responded to the Corinthians when they elevating he and Apollos as spiritual celebrities? \_\_\_\_\_

## ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Look back at your Christian life. Identify a few major growth periods in your walk. How did God help you mature and what did he use to cause you to grow? \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLY THE TRUTH

Identify a few things that have stunted your growth in Christian maturity? What’s been holding you back and what needs to change? Does anything bring about conviction to your heart? Will you repent?

In contrast to the two marks of immaturity, what do the following passages reveal about the qualities of those who are mature in Christ?

- Ephesians 4:11-14 \_\_\_\_\_
- Philippians 3:12-16 \_\_\_\_\_
- Colossians 1:9-12 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 John 2:6 \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMIT THIS WEEK

Chose one area of immaturity in your Christian walk and the corresponding mark of maturity. Take these things to God in prayer this week, and ask him to help you grow. What steps are you going to take to become more mature? \_\_\_\_\_