

BE THE CHANGE

WEEK 4 | PERSONALITY | 1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-23

INSPECTION: WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What two personality traits are evidence of worldly influence? Verse 3

According to verse 16, who should control the life of the Christian?

What warning does Paul give in verse 17? Who is the temple?

What is the wisdom of the world to God? Verse 19

Even though there may be differences among human leaders in the church, according to verses 22-23, what is the ultimate goal of those leaders?

OBSERVATION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

What is the temple of God and how should it be treated?

In what ways has God been growing and changing you lately?

In what ways are Christians being influenced by the foolishness of the world?

What are some proofs of the fact that God lives in the lives of His people?

What is the only source of truth and authority for the Christian?

LIFE APPLICATION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

Consider what part of your personality needs to change to be more like Jesus.

Think about whether your life is based on the foundation of humans or on Christ?

Pray for unity in the body of Christ around the world.

Make a list comparing the world's wisdom and God's wisdom.

Try not to boast in the world but only in Christ.

MEDITATION: WHAT DOES GOD SAY?

Psalms 146:3

Jeremiah 17:5

Psalms 118:9

Isaiah 2:22

Isaiah 30:2

Micah 7:5-8

John 2:24-25

Colossians 3:23

SUPPLICATION: WHAT CAN WE MEDITATE?

Prayer Before the Day

My God—my Father and Preserver—who of Your goodness has watched over me during the past night, and brought me to this day, grant also that I may spend it wholly in the worship and service of Your most holy deity.

Let me not think, or say, or do a single thing which tends not to Your service and submission to Your will, that thus all my actions may aim at Your glory and the salvation of my brethren, while they are taught by my example to serve You.

And as You are giving light to this world for the purposes of external life by the rays of the sun, so enlighten my mind by the effulgence of Your Spirit, that He may guide me in the way of Your righteousness.

To whatever purpose I apply my mind, may the end which I ever propose to myself be Your honor and service.

May I expect all happiness from Your grace and goodness only.

Let me not attempt anything whatever that is not pleasing to You.

Grant also, that while I labor for the maintenance of this life, and care for the things which pertain to food and raiment, I may raise my mind above them to the blessed and heavenly life which You have promised to Your children.

Be pleased also, in manifesting Yourself to me as the protector of my soul as well as my body, to strengthen and fortify me against all the assaults of the devil and deliver me from all the dangers which continually beset us in this life.

But seeing it is a small thing to have begun, unless I also persevere, I therefore entreat of You, O Lord, not only to be my guide and director for this day, but to keep me under Your protection to the very end of life, that thus my whole course may be performed under Your superintendence.

John Calvin 1542