



# How to Become a Wise, Wealthy Leader

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## How to Become Wise 1 Corinthians 2:6 – 3:8

### 1. Study the wisdom of the a

**1 Corinthians 2:6** Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away;

<sup>7</sup> but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom*, which God predestined before the ages to our glory;

<sup>8</sup> *the wisdom* which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;

<sup>9</sup> but just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And *which* have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him."

### 2. As you study listen for G to speak to you

<sup>10</sup> For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

<sup>11</sup> For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

<sup>12</sup> Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God,

<sup>13</sup> which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words*.

### 3. Denounce the old t patterns

<sup>14</sup> But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

### 4. Evaluate e (there are many schemes out there)

<sup>15</sup> But he who is spiritual appraises all things,

### 5. Don't worry about the o of others

yet he himself is appraised by no man.

### 6. Study J

<sup>16</sup> For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.

### An illustration

**1 Corinthians 3:1** And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to babes in Christ.

<sup>2</sup> I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able *to receive it*. Indeed, even now you are not yet able,

<sup>3</sup> for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?

<sup>4</sup> For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not *mere* men?

<sup>5</sup> What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave *opportunity* to each one.

<sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth.

<sup>7</sup> So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.

<sup>8</sup> Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

## How to Retire Wealthy 1 Corinthians 3:9 – 3:23

### 1. Build your investment home o Jesus

**1 Corinthians 3:9** For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But let each man be careful how he builds upon it.

<sup>11</sup> For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

### 2. Build your investment home f Jesus

<sup>12</sup> Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

<sup>13</sup> each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is *to be* revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.

<sup>14</sup> If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward.

<sup>15</sup> If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire.

### 3. Build your investment home w Jesus

<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

<sup>17</sup> If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are.

<sup>18</sup> Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become foolish that he may become wise.

<sup>19</sup> For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God. For it is written, "*He is the one who catches the wise in their craftiness*";

<sup>20</sup> and again, "The Lord knows the reasonings of the wise, that they are useless."

<sup>21</sup> So then let no one boast in men. For all things belong to you,

<sup>22</sup> whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come; all things belong to you,

<sup>23</sup> and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God.

## How to Lead 1 Corinthians 4:1 -21

### 1. Identify as a s of Jesus and a s of His truth

**1 Corinthians 4:1** Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

<sup>2</sup> In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.

### 2. Focus on Jesus' o

<sup>3</sup> But to me it is a very small thing that I should be examined by you, or by *any* human court; in fact, I do not even examine myself.

<sup>4</sup> For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord.

### 3. Focus on Jesus' opinion of my m

<sup>5</sup> Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.

### 4. Focus on Jesus' w

<sup>6</sup> Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that in us you might learn not to exceed what is written, in order that no one of you might become arrogant in behalf of one against the other.

<sup>7</sup> For who regards you as superior? And what do you have that you did not receive? But if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

### 5. Be I

<sup>8</sup> You are already filled, you have already become rich, you have become kings without us; and *I* would indeed that you had become kings so that we also might reign with you.

<sup>9</sup> For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men condemned to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.

<sup>10</sup> We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are prudent in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are distinguished, but we are without honor.

<sup>11</sup> To this present hour we are both hungry and thirsty, and are poorly clothed, and are roughly treated, and are homeless;

<sup>12</sup> and we toil, working with our own hands; when we are reviled, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure;

<sup>13</sup> when we are slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become as the scum of the world, the dregs of all things, *even* until now.

### 6. Teach others through e

<sup>14</sup> I do not write these things to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children.

<sup>15</sup> For if you were to have countless tutors in Christ, yet *you would* not *have* many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

<sup>16</sup> I exhort you therefore, be imitators of me.

<sup>17</sup> For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church.

### 7. lead with power: focus on C c

<sup>18</sup> Now some have become arrogant, as though I were not coming to you.

<sup>19</sup> But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I shall find out, not the words of those who are arrogant, but their power.

<sup>20</sup> For the kingdom of God does not consist in words, but in power.

<sup>21</sup> What do you desire? Shall I come to you with a rod or with love and a spirit of gentleness?