

The background of the image shows ancient stone ruins under a cloudy sky. On the right, there are three tall, weathered columns standing. In the foreground and middle ground, there are various stone blocks and walls, some of which appear to be part of a larger structure that has been partially destroyed. A small silhouette of a person is visible standing near the base of the columns on the right, providing a sense of scale. The overall tone is historical and somewhat somber due to the weathered state of the ruins.

1 Corinthians

Chapters 3 & 4

Chapter 3

- Spiritual maturity and our flesh are NOT mutually exclusive, but they ARE inversely proportional. (V.1-3)
- Being a laborer in His vineyard means we cultivate fruit, but we don't own it. (v. 6-9)
- The immovable foundation of Christ does not ensure the quality of craftsmanship for the rest of the building. We're only rewarded for what remains. (v. 11-15)

Chapter 4

- **Servants of Christ and Stewards of Mysteries (v.1)**
- **Paul's lack of concern for the others' judgment of him is the product of a resignation of judging himself. (v. 3–8)**
 - We care too much what others think of us, its a sign that we care too much for ourselves.
 - Accepting Christ's judgment OF us includes accepting His care FOR us.
 - And that what we have and have accomplished is really only His gift TO us

- The humility of ministry and what sacrifice produces (v. 9-14)
- Babysitters vs. Fathers (v. 15)
- Words and “the rod” vs. Power and the “spirit of gentleness”