**1 Corinthians**

1 Corinthians 3: 5-15

God Gives the Increase

We Are Nothing

NOTE: No distinction between those that plant and those that water

God Is Everything

* ….even as the Lord gave to every man (v 5)
* ….God gave the increase (v 6)
* ….God that giveth the increase (v 7)
* ….we are God’s husbandry…..we are God’s building (v 9)
  + Husbandry – cultivated field, tillage
* ….according to the grace of God (v 10)

What We Do Matters

* How We Do It (….let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon)
  + Effort (v 8)
  + Excellence (v 10)…..take heed
* Impacts The Rewards We Receive
  + Refining with flame is one of the oldest methods of refining metals. Mentioned even in the bible, refining by fire is the preferable method for larger quantities of gold. In ancient times, this form of refining involved a craftsman sitting next to a hot fire with molten gold in a crucible being stirred and skimmed to remove the impurities or dross that rose to the top of the molten metal. With flames reaching temperatures in excess of 1000 degrees Celsius (1,832 Farenheit), this job was definitely a dangerous occupation for the gold refiner. The tradition remains largely untouched today with the exception of a few advancements in safety and precision.
  + 24 karat = 100% gold or Pure gold
  + 22 karat = 91.7 % gold
  + 18 karat = 75.0 % gold
  + 14 karat = 58.3 % gold
  + 12 karat = 50.0 % gold
  + 10 karat = 41.7 % gold