



Sunday Morning Message for May 14, 2017 by Ray Reynolds

Lesson #3 = Saints Can Overcome... Problems Regarding Immaturity (I Corinthians 3)

<u>Introduction</u>: This Sunday morning series on I Corinthians is entitled: "SAINTS CAN OVERCOME." Before addressing the problems in the Corinth... Paul called them "saints" (I Corinthians 1:2). He knew they could overcome their problems if they focused on positive things. Today we will talk about how to overcome problems regarding sensitivity. Today is Mother's Day! If anyone knows a thing or two about learning how to overcome, or handle, immaturity, it is our mothers! Please open your Bible to I Corinthians chapter 3. Let's read and study together...

Discussion:

I. What Is The Problem?

- Denying the spiritual leading of God
 - I Corinthians 3:1-4, Matthew 18:3, Hebrews 5:14, I Peter 2:2
- Denying the spiritual work of God
 - I Corinthians 3:5-15, Ephesians 4:14-15, II Peter 3:18
- Destroying the spiritual temple of God
 - I Corinthians 3:16-23, 6:14-20, Ephesians 2:19-22, I Peter 2:4-10

II. How Can We Overcome It?

- Accept the need for meat
 - I Corinthians 3:2, 13:11, Hebrews 5:12, 14, 6:1-4, I Peter 3:15
- Accept the need for meaning
 - I Corinthians 3:6, 9, 16-17, John 3:3, 5, Acts 2:38-39, Romans 8:12-17
- Accept the need for meekness
 - I Corinthians 3:4-6, 11, 18, 21-23, 11:1, Galatians 5:16-23

<u>Conclusion</u>: The problems in Corinth were deep rooted, but they could be solved. They needed to grow up and act like mature Christians. Saints can overcome problems with immaturity. We need to redirect our focus toward growth. Are you a mature Christian? Are you patient with immature Christians? Are you seeking the will of God or yourself? We are Saints. We can overcome.