

For Crying Out Loud Part 3



INTRO- Churches are not programs or buildings but they are people and people are messy and get things out of order. We have the tendency to get in the way of what God really wants to do because of pride, insecurity, fear, immaturity and jealousy. **Ray C. Stedman tells of a church in Ohio that had as its name out in front, "The Original Church of God, No. 2."** We come to God with all this baggage just like the people in the Corinthian church. Some lives are full of shame. Sometimes we are totally unaware of that we have things wrong with us that is obvious to everyone around us. Sometimes no one really knows what the baggage is, it just seems to be there, unidentified. Many people think that Jesus is for people who are at the end of their rope. They are going through a divorce, strung out on drugs, their kids are way out of control, they need Jesus.

III.- This week I was working with Pastor Tony in an attempt to build a boat for our set for Easter. I had put a box knife in my pocket because I was using it so much and forgot to take it out when we had finished working. After arriving at home I had a few errands to run and completely forgot about the knife in my pocket until I walked into the library and I remembered that the knife was in my pocket. I went through a scenario in my mind that the metal detector went off and I pulled the knife out of my pocket to innocently identify what it was that set it off and thirty men from a SWAT team immediately appeared taking my innocence as an aggressive act. After leaving the library, I went to the grocery already forgetting my last scenario at the library but walking into the store, what looked like metal detectors, sent a strong message to my mind, "You forgot the knife!"

This is what people feel every time they walk into church. They feel like the spiritual metal detectors are going to go off and thirty of God's spiritual SWAT team members are going to meet them at the door frisking them for their past sins.

Sometimes people come into the church with all their issues and all of their past and collectively we could fill out a description of America's Most Wanted. And the reason that we are dealing with this is because we are dealing with "PEOPLE". Let me say a few things about how I see "people".

P- Potential: So many times I am amazed to see why lies in the abilities of the people around me. I look at people here in our church and in our community and I am such a fan of them. When I see people I always see potential.

E- Earnest: "*an intensely serious state of mind*" I find that most people, when you come down to it are serious with their life. They are passionate about their life and their ideas. They are earnest about what they believe in. They are serious...almost to the point that they have lost their joy of life.

O- Original: "Prototype". The more I get to know someone, the more there is no one else like them. I love originals. There are special expressions, ideas and contributions that each person makes. I believe each person is an original. It doesn't matter what family you come from or your background, you are still an original and you have the opportunity to break away from your past or the stereotype and become the original that God has designed you to be.

P- Project: I've never seen anyone who wasn't a project in development. It doesn't matter who you are. Some of the greatest people I've seen are incredible projects. I was thinking the other day how we have a certain spot in our hearts for people who have struggled over their life with the fear of rejection and an incorrect view of themselves. We see that as an acceptable and tolerable failure that needs improvement. But do you realize that we treat a prideful person is unacceptable with intolerable failure? Who is weaker? Who is the bigger project? We are all projects, we should all wear a sign, "Sorry for the inconvenience of our construction" signs.

L- Label: I believe everyone is labeled. They have been self identified or been identified by others. They have earned their label or they have been insensitively be stuck with a label. Labels hang around our necks like a millstone or on our chest like a badge. We spend our life striving for a label or trying to rid ourselves of our label. But no can ever receive a greater label than what Jesus heard His father say, "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." How would you like to be tagged with that?!

E- Eternal: I cannot see anyone that is not eternal. Who will have to give account for their life before God one day. Every person I meet I am constantly reviewing every word to find out the condition of their eternity. I can't help but ask questions concerning their eternal condition. Everyone I see is eternal and I know that if they are like me they want to be able to stand before God and say, "I was obedient, and my life was not wasted, with your help I had great effect and you displayed your incredible love through me."

We must learn to release the bondages and boundaries of man, (immaturity), accepting the full blessings of God.

³⁵*One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:*

³⁶*"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"*

Matthew 22:35-36

³⁷*Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment.*

Matthew 22:37-38

³⁹*And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

Matthew 22:39-40

We have messy lives before we come to Jesus most people know that they are messed up and some people really don't think they were messed up. The fact is, because you come to Jesus doesn't mean that you changed over night.

- There is a significant debate as if there can be such a thing as a carnal Christian. Some say it is a contradiction in terms, that Paul is really saying that these carnal ones are not Christians at all. Yet he clearly calls them brethren, and says they babes in Christ. How could these terms be used of someone who is not a Christian?... "The carnal Christian is a child of God, born again and on his way to heaven, but he is traveling third class." (Redpath) Romans 7 is a portrait of the carnal Christian; indwelt by the Spirit, but mastered by the flesh. (David Guzik's Commentaries on the Bible)
- **Paul has spoken to us about three categories of men:**
 1. There is the **natural man** (1 Corinthians 2:14), who is patterned after Adam and rejects the things of the Spirit.

"The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned."
1 Corinthians 2:14
 2. There is the **spiritual man** (1 Corinthians 2:15), who knows the things of God.

"The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment..."
1 Corinthians 2:15
 3. And there is the **carnal man** (1 Corinthians 3), who knows the things of God, yet in some significant ways is still characterized by the flesh. Which one are you?
- There is a valid question that asks, "Can you live on the throne of your life and Jesus still be your Lord. Sometimes it's called a Carnal Christian. When we look at the Corinthian church there seems to be a challenge if they were even Christians. Were they part of the Kingdom of God? Absolutely. Is this statement accurate? "Christians don't sin." No, we have sin in our lives and become stubborn, resist the Holy Spirit and stay hard hearted.

Savior verses Lord

Jesus saves us of our past life but He is Lord over our future. When Jesus died upon the cross for us to receive the incredible opportunity to spend all of our life here on earth in relationship with Him to practice what eternity will be like, He empowers us to do that. Do you realize that your time here on earth is practice for what eternity will be like for you in relationship with God? Many would say that this idea is the absolute worse idea that you could have. Christianity has been nothing but a chore, full of long sermons and an incredible amount of guilt and duty. What I have stated this past week is, **the "wisdom" of God, in other words, the "spirit" of God which is the thoughts of God**, you have moved on into a third dimension with God while still here on this earth. Chapter 2 of 1 Corinthians is all about

hearing God, receiving the wisdom of God which is the spirit of God which is the thoughts of God while you live here on earth.

Because of what Jesus Christ has done on the cross for us, we have power over Satan's words in our life, our "flesh" appetite roaring in our ear and unhealthy, distorted truths we have learned and heard in our life.

*"But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now **the Lord is the Spirit**, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is **freedom**. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the **Lord's glory**, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."*

II Corinthians 3:16-18

- **What occurs when a person turns to the Lord? Answer:** *"But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away."*
- **The Lord is Spirit:** I Corinthians 2 says the "wisdom" of God is the spirit of God which is the thoughts of God.
- **Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom:**
 - **Liberty/freedom- *eleutheria*** {el-yoo-ther-ee'-ah}1657 liberty to do or to omit things having no relationship to salvation, **true liberty is living as we should not as we please**
- *And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory-*
 - **How do we take off the veil?** Answer verse 16- *"...whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away."*
 - **How do we reflect the glory? Turn to the Lord:**
 - So when your are turned toward the Lord your face reflects the Lord's glory
 - We are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory
 - Which comes from the Lord...who is the Spirit!

Look At The Corinthians

Can you become a Christian and not change? Our life is an ongoing progression of sanctification...free from the flesh. Crying out loud really doesn't make you a Christian. But the consistent flow of the Holy Spirit establishes you as a Christian. There is a place where you cross over. The Corinthian church was believers who had horrible failure.

They Were Christians But Were Failing

“Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly—mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready.”

I Corinthians 3:1-2

Paul had started both his ministry and a church in Corinth around A.D. 50. He wrote this letter from Ephesus around A.D. 56. Six years later Paul is addressing the church at Corinth and says, “By this time you should be a young man, but you are still a babe in Christ.”

One of my greatest delights is to go up to the hospital and pray over new born babies. Just a couple of days ago Roz and Ken Fry had a 9.7lb. Baby. That baby is cute.

- One proverb summed it up when it said “There is only one pretty child in the world and ever mother has it.”
- In 1675 Lord Rochester wrote “Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children, now I have six children and no theories.”
- “A baby is a small member of the home, that makes love stronger, days shorter, nights longer, the bank balance smaller, the home happier, clothes shabbier the past forgotten and the future worth living for.”

But what if I saw that same child six months from now and he was not a bit bigger. What if it was a year later, how about six years later? Thing really become obvious, why aren't you growing up?

SIMON BIRCH- Is a story of a young boy with stunted growth and is convinced that God has a great purpose for him. The actor who plays Simon Birch is Ian Michael Smith born May 5, 1987, he has Morquio Syndrome, also known as MPSIVA. It affects the skeletal structure causing dwarfism. His full height is three feet, 1 inch tall. He is a a good student, likes school, sails a small boat, kayaks, swims, plays the trumpet and piano, and likes to play chess. Is currently enrolled as an undergraduate at MIT. [2005]

- **JOE AT THE GRAVE:** At the end of the movie you see Joe, all grown up and looking at Simon's grave and he narrates these words: *“I am doomed to remember a boy with a wrecked voice, not because of his voice, or because he was the smallest person I ever knew...but because he is the reason I believe in God. What faith I have, I owe to Simon Birch, the boy I grew up with in Gravedown, Maine.”*

The Comparison of Carnality (Child-like vs. Childish)

- **Worldly-** They had characteristics that resembled everyone in the world. A little further down we will find out what those specific characteristics looked like.
 - **Worldly/Carnal-** sarkikos {sar-kee-kos} 4559- fleshly, carnal, **a)** having the nature of flesh, i.e. under the control of the animal appetites
 - **Infants- Stunted Growth.** The inability to mature, act mature, think maturity or reproduce in maturity.

- **Milk Drinkers- Could not handle the meat of the Word.** Paul recognized that and compensated for it. It didn't make him happy, but he didn't stop preaching and teaching them because of it. It was a truth moment in his writing. He was saying, "OK, here's the truth, I can't talk to you how I would like to because, well...you are babies and you're not ready for it- You can't handle the truth!"



- The author of the letter to the Hebrews in the New Testament expresses concern about arrested spiritual development: "For though by this time you ought to be teachers [of the word], you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For every one who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil." (5:12-14.) (A CRISIS OF JEALOUSY by Doug Goins)

"You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men? "

I Corinthians 3:3

- **"You are still worldly."** - Even after he left and now returning through his letter, he is saying..."You guys haven't changed since I was with you. What was Paul's measuring device?
 - It's understandable for a little child of three months old in Christ to be carnal and not to know how to have victory over sin. The natural progression is the struggle but eventually the victory. But here Paul is not talking about the particular sins of the world, but he is addressing particular sins of the church that act like the world. Obviously, after reading through I Corinthians you can find the church doing some unbelievable and intolerable acts sins, but these particular sins is where Paul chooses to start, these worldly expressions in the church: jealousy, quarreling and divisions.
 - That refers to one who is unrenewed, and who is wholly under the influence of his sensual or animal nature, and is nowhere applied to Christians. *This* is applied here to Christians--but to those who have much of the remains of corruption, and who are imperfectly acquainted with the nature of religion; babes in Christ. It denotes those who still evinced the feelings and views which pertain to the flesh, in these unhappy contentions, and strifes, and divisions. The works of the flesh are "hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, envyings," Galatians 5:19-21: (Barnes' Notes on the New Testament)
 - Paul was in Corinth a year and a half and he preached to them and taught them, but in all that time they never advanced very far beyond babyhood. They were still governed by the thinking of the flesh. So, in the second part of this section,

where he refers to the flesh again twice, he uses a slightly different word. It is not *sarkinos* here, but *sarkikos*, which comes from the same root but it means, "dominated by the flesh." The Latin word for flesh is *carne* and that is why in some versions this is called "carnal." (CARNAL AND SPIRITUAL CHRISTIANS by Ray C. Stedman)

- “Since there is **jealousy** and **quarreling** among you, are you not worldly?”

“For ye are yet carnal: for whereas [there is] among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?”

I Corinthians 3:3 (KJV)

- Paul was addressing “carnality or worldliness”, not just sinful acts.
- There are *three* things here worthy of note: **these people were wrong in thought, word, and deed.**
 1. ζηλος, **Envying** refers to the state of their **souls**; they had inward grudgings and disaffection towards each other.
 - **Envying/Jealousy**: zelos {dzay'-los} 2205- excitement of mind, fervor of spirit
 - **zeal in embracing, pursuing, defending anything**
 - **zeal in behalf of or for a person or thing**
 - **Envy everywhere is a fruitful cause of strife. Most contentions in the church are somehow usually connected with envy. (Barnes' Notes on the New Testament)**
 2. ερις, **Strife** or *contention*, refers to their **words**; they were continually *disputing* and *contending* whose party was the best, each endeavouring to prove that he and his party were alone in the right.
 - **Strife/Quarreling**: eris {er'-is} 2054- **contention, strife, wrangling**
 - **There's an old Jewish proverb that says, "Where you have three rabbis, you will have four opinions."**
 3. διχοστασιαι, **Divisions**, refers to their **conduct**; as they could not agree, they contended till they separated from each other, and thus rent the Church.
 - **Divisions**: dichostasia {dee-khos-tas-ee'-ah} 1370- **dissension, division**
 - The margin correctly renders it *factious*. The idea is, that they were split up into parties, and that those parties were embittered with mutual recriminations and reproaches, as

they always are in a church. (Barnes' Notes on the New Testament)

- Thus the *envying* and grudging led to *strife* and evil SPEAKING, and this led to *divisions* and fixed parties. In this state well might the apostle say, *Are ye not carnal, and walk as men? Ye act just as the people of the world, and have no more of the spirit of religion than they.* (The Adam Clarke Commentary)
- Fleshly, immature people in the church tend to exhibit the same subjective naiveté. They tend to cooperate only with those fellow believers or leaders with whom they happen to agree or who personally appeal to them, flatter them, or in a sense play to their flesh. Factions in the church inevitably result when there is jealousy and strife. When a congregation develops loyalties around individual leaders, it's a sure symptom of spiritual immaturity and of trouble. (A CRISIS OF JEALOUSY by Doug Goins)
- And servanthood will express itself in cooperation in ministry, not in competition. (A CRISIS OF JEALOUSY by Doug Goins)
- The problems they had in human relationships showed there was something wrong in their relationship with God. It was evidence of carnality, of a fleshly way of thinking and living. (David Guzik's Commentaries on the Bible)
- Contentions and quarrels about religion are sad evidences of remaining carnality. True religion makes men peaceable and not contentious. Factious spirits act upon human principles, not upon principles of true religion; they are guided by their own pride and passions, and not by the rules of Christianity: *Do you not walk as men? (Matthew Henry Complete Commentary on the Whole Bible)*
- Defines Worldly even clearer:
 - Infants
 - Milk Drinkers
- "Are you not **acting like mere men?**" (2X's)
 - You are acting like the Holy Spirit has never been a part of your life. You are acting like you have never come to the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Somehow, you seem no different to me than anyone else on the street.

*For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere men?
I Corinthians 3:4*

- Who's more important? It is like asking which blade of a pair of scissors is more important, the upper or the lower. It is like saying, "Which of my pant legs is

more important? The right or the left?" Well, I need both. So it is not the people who are important, it is the God who works through the people.

- Paul had founded the church in Corinth. Apollos followed Paul as Pastor of the Church. Both were involved in the ministry as servants of the Lord.

A spiritually immature person is easily upset and offended, quick to pout, quick to blame others for their problems, and must be burped often and handled with delicate gloves. Both Peter and Paul encourage new Christians to press on toward spiritual maturity. Most of us need encouragement and motivation to keep on the grow. We need to get involved in a Bible study group and times of worship that include teaching from God's Word. Without motivation we tend to drift and stay in our cozy comfort zone.

THE EAGLE- Many of us have seen pictures of a huge eagle's nest high in the branches of a tree or in the crag of a cliff; few of us have gotten a glimpse inside. When a mother eagle builds her nest she starts with thorns, broken branches, sharp rocks, and a number of other items that seem entirely unsuitable for the project. But then she lines the nest with a thick padding of wool, feathers, and fur from animals she has killed, making it soft and comfortable for the eggs. By the time the growing birds reach flying age, the comfort of the nest and the luxury of free meals make them quite reluctant to leave. That's when the mother eagle begins "stirring up the nest." With her strong talons she begins pulling up the thick carpet of fur and feathers, bringing the sharp rocks and branches to the surface. As more of the bedding gets plucked up, the nest becomes more uncomfortable for the young eagles. Eventually, this and other urgings prompt the growing eagles to leave their once-comfortable abode and move on to more mature behavior.

"What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow."
I Corinthians 3:5-6

- The different apostles who have preached unto you the word of life are the *means* which God has used to bring you to the knowledge of Christ. No one of those has either preached or recommended *himself*; they all preach and recommend Christ Jesus the Lord. (The Adam Clark Commentary)
- Some people are frustrated because they want to water when God has called them to plant, or they want to plant when God has called them to water. Others are frustrated because they want to make the increase happen, when only God can do that. Real fruitfulness in ministry happens when we are peacefully content with what God has called us to do. (David Guzik's Commentaries on the Bible)
- His name shows up six times in the last five verses. He is the only one worthy of glory.

When our attention is focused on him, there will be no place for jealousy or strife or self-centered competition. When his mighty presence and power fill our awareness, we're not going to focus on ourselves or on human leaders or human factions.

- Paul was fitted for planting work, and Apollos for watering work, but God gave the increase. Note, The success of the ministry must be derived from the divine blessing: *Neither he that planteth is any thing, nor he that watereth, but God who giveth the increase, [1 Corinthians 3:7](#)*. Even apostolical ministers are nothing of themselves, can do nothing with efficacy and success unless God give the increase. Note, The best qualified and most faithful ministers have a just sense of their own insufficiency, and are very desirous that God should have all the glory of their success. Paul and Apollos are nothing at all in their own account, but God is all in all. (Matthew Henry Complete Commentary on the Whole Bible)

“So neither he who plants nor he who waters is **anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have **one purpose...**”**

1 Corinthians 3:7-8a

Really, who do you think you are, are you that impressive to God? I see our labor for God much like a child working on his wagon. Trying with all his might to create a car that will run. And somehow, the wagon moves as if an engine is in it. We can labor all we want, but only God can make anything grow. But God refuses to do it all. Can He count on you?

- How silly to say, "Planting is what is really important. Those waterers are really missing the boat." Or to think, "Watering is where it's at. Those planters better get their priorities straight." The fact is planters and waterers are both necessary, both need each other, and both are working towards the same goal. (David Guzik's Commentaries on the Bible)

“They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

Acts 2:42

Four Processes of A Great Harvest:

1. **Apostles Teaching**- Doctrine, Truths
2. **Fellowship**- Enjoying people and building relationships
3. **Breaking of Bread**- Significant traditions and honoring roots
4. **Prayer**- Intercession and Supernatural expression and manifestation.

“Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.”

Acts 2:43

The Harvest:

1. **Everyone filled with awe-** Respect, reverence and expectation.
2. **Many wonders and miraculous signs-** Power of God
3. **Unity and mutual care-**

"All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need"

Acts 2:44-45

4. **Continued Worship and Ministry**

"Everyday they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people."

Acts 2:46-47a

5. **Church Growth**

"And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

Acts 2:47b

One Purpose: Verse 8. *Are one.* \~en eisin\~. They are not the same person; but they are one in the following respects:

- (1.) **One in the same work.** Though everyone serves differently, they are engaged for the same purpose, one purpose-- planting and watering are different kinds of work— but they become one in the end purpose and strategy.
- (2.) **One in the same order.** Here's how God sees it, "You are all #1." God views the church more like a team rather than a bunch of people with a few extra spiritual ones. Nothing really works unless we recognize how valuable our part of service is. I can plant seed all day. The best seed in the world will not produce a harvest without water. God is not looking for superstars, He is looking for "Super-teams".
- (3.) **One in the same God.** We are engaged in performing one work functioning as one and God compliments our work with His wonder! I am still amazed that God allows Himself to be limited by our participation. The two of us, God and us, perform a completed work. *We can* not do God's part; he *could* perform our part—but He refuses to.

“...and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.”

I Corinthians 3:8b-9

- **Rewarded according to his own labor**

- The word *reward* \~misyon\~ denotes, properly, that which is given by contract for service rendered; an equivalent in value for services or for kindness. See Barnes "Romans 4:4". In the Scriptures it denotes pay, wages, recompense given to day-labourers, to soldiers, etc. It is applied often, as here, to the retribution which God will make to men in the day of judgment; and is applied to the *favours* which he will then bestow on them, or to the *punishment* which he will inflict as the reward of their deeds.

- **God does not reward his servants according to the *success* of their labour, because that depends on himself; but he rewards them according to the *quantum* of faithful labour which they bestow on his work.** In this sense none can say, I have laboured in vain, and spent my strength for nought. (The Adam Clarke Commentary)

- **The parable of Matthew 20** connects the issues of equality in ministry and the wonderful grace of God. In that story Jesus pictures God as a generous farmer who hires people to work in his vineyard. It demonstrates the equality of our ministries before the Lord, because he determines who works, how long they work, where they work, when they start, when they stop, and how much they're going to get paid. The reason Jesus had to tell this story to his own disciples is because they really thought that they were more important than anyone else, and they ought to have special places in the kingdom (see Matthew 19:27-30). Jesus asks the pointed question, "Or is your eye envious because I am generous?" (Matthew 20:15).

- **We are God's Fellow Workers-**

- 2 Corinthians 12:9-11
- *For we are labourers together with God.* \~yeou gar esmen sunergoi\~. We are God's co-workers. A similar expression occurs in 2 Corinthians 6:1, "We then, as workers together with him," etc. This passage is capable of two significations: *first*, as in our translation, that they were co-workers with God; engaged with him in his work; that he and they co-operated in the production of the effect; or that it was a *joint-work*; as we speak of a partnership, or of joint-effort among men.
- Suppose a great painter, a Raphael or a Rembrandt, took a little boy who cleaned his brushes, and said to him, 'Come into my studio, and I will let you do a bit of work upon my picture.' Suppose an NFL coach of the Denver Broncho's or Kansas City Chiefs called you up and asked if you would help with the plays for their next Sunday. What if the president asked for your help on foreign policy and help with some present decisions. Would you think that you had reached some type of epiphany? Would it be a feather in your cap?

- **We are God's Field-**

- Ye are *God's husbandry*. \~geworkion\~. Marg., **tillage**. This word occurs nowhere else in the New Testament. It properly denotes **a tilled or cultivated field**; and the idea is, that the church at Corinth was the field on which God had bestowed the labour of tillage, or culture, to produce fruit.

- **We are God's Building-**

- Paul draws his illustration from architecture, and says, that they had been *built* by him, as an architect rears a house. It does not rear itself; but it is reared by another.
- Ye are *God's building*.-Ye are not only the *field* which God cultivates, but ye are the house which God builds, and in which he intends to dwell. As no man in viewing a fine building extols the *quarryman* that dug up the stones, the *hewer* that cut and squared them, the *mason* that placed them in the wall, the *woodman* that hewed down the timber, the *carpenter* that squared and jointed it, *architect* who planned it, and under whose direction the whole work was accomplished; so no man should consider *Paul*, or *Apollos*, or *Kephas*, any thing, but as persons employed by the great Architect to form a building which is to become a habitation of himself through the Spirit, and the *design* of which is entirely his own. (The Adam Clarke Commentary)

Conclusion: Dead Poets Society

In the movie *Dead Poets Society* is set in an exclusive boys preparatory school in 1959, a newly appointed English teacher uses unconventional techniques to inspire his students in classic poetry. It follows a group of seniors through the first half of their last year at this New England prep school, where a new English teacher, Mr. Keating, has great effect on their lives. It is a film centered around two major themes, freethinking and *Carpe Diem*. *Carpe Diem* is an old Roman expression that come from two Latin words signifying, "Seize the day." It is an imperative with a strong verb: Seize it!



- **John Keating played by Robin Williams** is quoted here: "They're not that different from you, are they? Same haircuts. Full of hormones, just like you. Invincible, just like you feel. The world is their oyster. They believe they're destined for great things, just like many of you, their eyes are full of hope, just like you. Did they wait until it was too late to make from their lives even one iota of what they were capable? Because, you see gentlemen, these boys are now fertilizing daffodils. ***But if you listen real close, you can hear them whisper their legacy to you. Go on, lean in. Listen, you hear it? - - Carpe - - hear it? - - Carpe, carpe diem, seize the day boys, make your lives extraordinary.***"