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food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet
ready, 3 for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and
strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a
human way? 4 For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I
follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you
believed, as the Lord assigned to each. 6 I planted, Apollos watered,
but God gave the growth. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who
waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 8 He who
plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages
according to his labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers. You are
God's field, God's building.

10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master
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each one take care how he builds upon it. 11 For no one can lay a
foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now
if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones,
wood, hay, straw — 13 each one's work will become manifest, for the
Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire
will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work that
anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward.
15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself
will be saved, but only as through fire.

16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit
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him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is
wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.
19 For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written,
"He catches the wise in their craftiness," 20 and again, "The Lord
knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." 21 So let no one
boast in men. For all things are yours, 22 whether Paul or Apollos or
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