

"The Measure of a Ministry, Part 1"

Sunday, March 17, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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1 Corinthians 3:1-4

BIG IDEA: The Church is a FAMILY; the goal is MATURITY.

*"The Spirit himself testifies together with our spirit
that we are God's children, and if children, also heirs —
heirs of God and coheirs with Christ —
if indeed we suffer with him
so that we may also be glorified with him."
Romans 8:16, 17 (CSB)*



Character is a mark of maturity. (v1a)

- We should acknowledge our two spiritual parents.
 - The WORD.
 - The SPIRIT.
- We should resemble our two spiritual parents.



Diet is a mark of maturity. (v1-2)

- The Word of God is milk.
- The Word of God is bread.
- The Word of God is meat.
- The Word of God is honey.



Attitude is a mark of maturity. (v3-4)

- Attitudes to reject.
- Attitudes to cultivate.

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READ: 1 Corinthians 3:1-4

THINK: Consider the Church as a Family, then ask yourself these questions: *How do others recognize that we are part of God's Family? On a scale of 1-10 (1 being the lowest & 10 being the highest), what is your level of maturity based on the attributes described in this passage (CHARACTER, DIET, ATTITUDE)? What does your spiritual diet consist of? How's your attitude?*

DO: Identify one thing you can do this week to "grow up" as part of God's family either in character development, spiritual dietary habits, or in attitude.