



WILD

Saints GONE

1ST CORINTHIANS

1 Corinthians 3 - 4



1 Corinthians 3:1-3

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it.



Marks of being a baby
("merely human")
jealousy and strife
pride



James 3:14-16

But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth.

This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.



What is going on in our hearts when we
have jealousy, strife?

“I am more special than you because...

Have a 4 point GPA

My son's a doctor

I make more money

I went to state in wrestling

I have more days of sobriety

What is going on in our hearts when we
have jealousy, strife, pride?

“I am more special than you because...”

I can quote more of the Bible

I'm better looking

I give more money

My way of worship is better

*I can do a
better
belly flop*

*I can drink
more water
through my
nose*

*I
talk
less*



I am more special than you because...

Glory hunger -



“I am constantly surprised at how I keep taking the gifts God has given me my health, my intellectual and emotional gifts—and keep using them to impress people, receive affirmation and praise, and compete for rewards, instead of developing them for the glory of God.”

Henri Nouwen

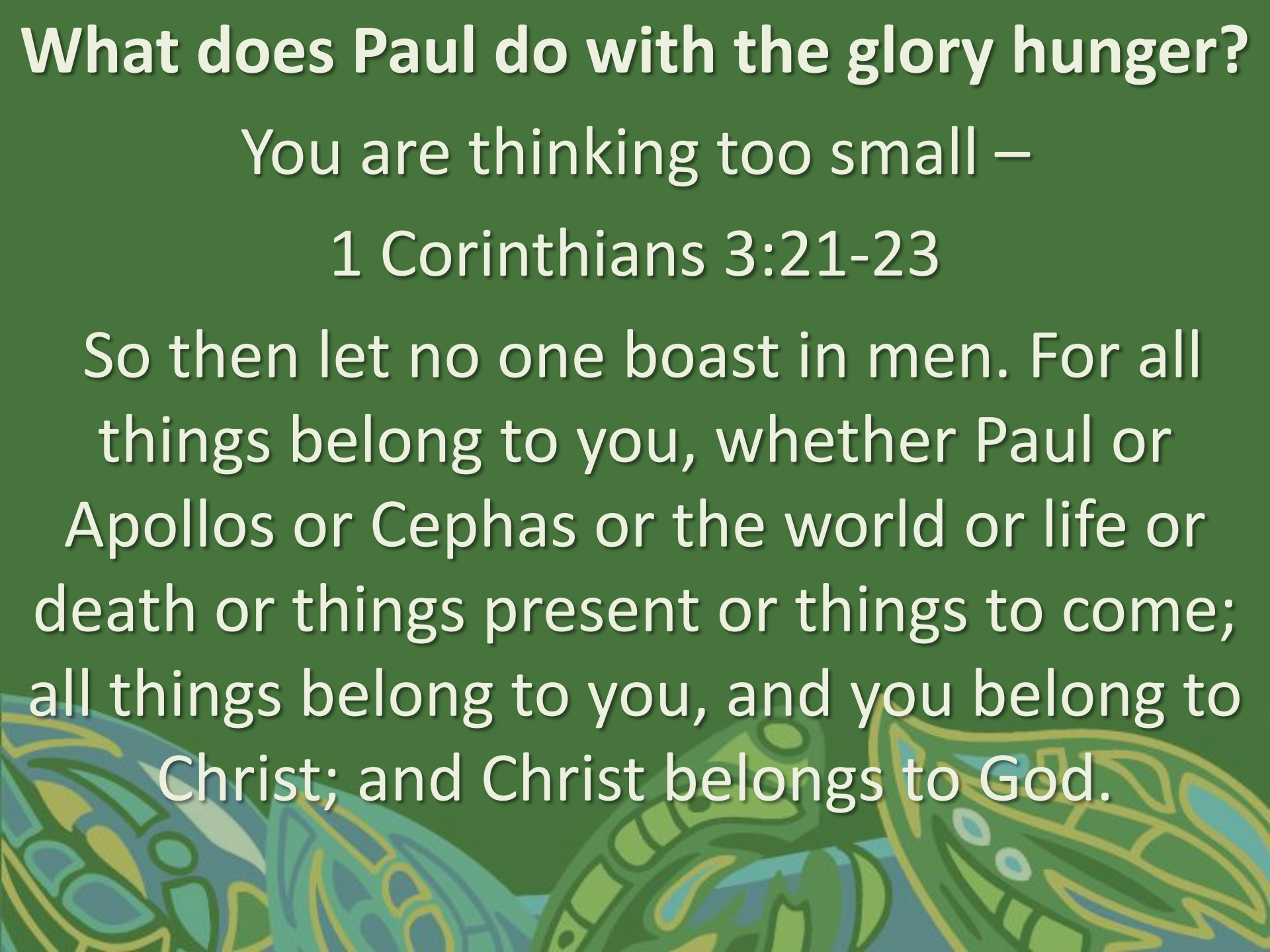


What does Paul do with the glory hunger?

You are thinking too small –

1 Corinthians 3:21-23

So then let no one boast in men. For all things belong to you, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come; all things belong to you, and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God.



Paul takes this even further.

He will show us how his ego, his identity,
his view of himself works.



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1 Corinthians 4:1-4

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.



1 Corinthians 4:1-4

But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me.



1 Corinthians 4:1-4

But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or any body.

My personal evaluation is not tied to how you or anyone else sees me.



IS Paul saying: “What matters is what you think about you” ?



“Replace low self-esteem with high self-esteem.”??



1 Corinthians 4:1-4

“In fact, I do not even judge myself.”

Does Paul counter low self-esteem with high self-esteem?



1 Corinthians 4:1-4

“In fact, I do not even judge myself.”

“I have a very low opinion of what you think of me and a very low opinion of what I think of me.”



1 Corinthians 4:1-4

“In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted.

“My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent.”



1 Corinthians 4:1-4

In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted.

Δικαιόω: to show to be righteous,
declare righteous



This is radically different that how we
think!

1 Timothy 1:15

Here is a trustworthy saying that
deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus
came into the world to save sinners--of
whom **I am** the worst.



I sin = I am bad



I do good = I am good



I sin \neq I am bad



I do good \neq I am good



Romans 7:20

Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.



Romans 6:1-4

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?



Paul say, “I don’t care what you think
and I don’t care what I think.”

Why? How?



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δικαιοσύνη: righteousness

**We are not judged because Jesus was
judged for us. In Christ we have a
verdict.**

Romans 8:1

**“There is therefore now no
condemnation for those who are in
Christ Jesus.”**



**We are not judged
because Jesus was judged
for us. In Christ we have
a verdict.**

**In all other religions your
actions bring about a
verdict, but in Christ, out
of the verdict flow your
actions.**



“Do not imagine that if you meet a really humble man he will be what most people call 'humble' nowadays: he will not be a sort of greasy, smarmy person, who is always telling you that, of course, he is nobody. Rather, probably all you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful, intelligent chap who took a real interest in what you said to him.”



“If you do dislike him it will be because you feel a little envious of anyone who seems to enjoy life so easily. He will not be thinking about humility: he will not be thinking about himself at all.”

-C.S. Lewis

