

## BE A BRINGER

*"40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus...."* John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

*"Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;...."* I Samuel 12:23a

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### MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Bob and Patsy Green | Hispanic Ministries



**PRAY**

- Pray for Bob as he completes cardiac rehab three days each week. These rehab sessions have helped Bob regain his strength. Pray for unexplained times of extreme weakness.
- Pray for some hispanics in the USA who may be deported. Many thousands of these folks have come to know Christ and have been used by God to start churches across the country. Each person could need legal help to avoid deportation costing \$7k - \$10k each. Pray that consideration will be given to these folks.



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## Growing In Maturity

In I Corinthians 3:6, the Apostle Paul uses vivid imagery to convey a fundamental spiritual truth about growth in the Christian faith. Paul mentions two key figures: himself and Apollos. Paul describes his role in planting the seeds of faith, and Apollos is recognized for his role in nurturing those seeds through teaching and guidance. Yet, despite their hard work, it is God who ultimately brings about the spiritual growth. This truth is a powerful reminder for us in our Christian life and ministry; while human efforts are valuable, they are not the source of success. The actual increase, or growth in understanding and belief, comes solely from God.

This leads us to reflect on the efforts we put into our spiritual journey or our involvement in ministry. We might take active roles—inviting a friend to church, sharing a word of encouragement, or teaching a lesson—but we must remember that true transformation in hearts and lives cannot be achieved merely by human action. It happens through divine intervention. God is the one who touches hearts and changes lives, and this serves as a source of comfort and hope. We do our part, but ultimately, it is God who brings the fruit.

Planting requires a significant amount of faith. When we plant seeds, we cannot see the immediate outcome. This aspect reflects our Christian life when we share our faith or encourage others. We may not see immediate results, but our faithfulness in planting these seeds is a crucial step in God's plan. Just as a farmer tends to a garden, we must tend to our spiritual responsibilities patiently.

Then, Apollos watered, which is equally important. Nurturing represents the ongoing teaching and encouragement within the community of faith. The watering signifies the establishment and strengthening of what Paul had already initiated. Both roles are vital, but the emphasis remains on God, who gives growth—or the increase. This reminds us that whether we are sharing the initial message of faith or supporting and encouraging others in their spiritual journey, it is ultimately God who brings the results.

Resource: [Scripturesavvy.com](http://Scripturesavvy.com)

## KEY VERSE

I Corinthians 3:6 (NKJV)

*"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase."*

Read I Corinthians 2:14-3:9 Every Day

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Monday: 1 Corinthians 3:6

#### Introduction

1. We learn from I Corinthians 3:6 that it is Paul that plants the seed (the Word) and Apollos that waters (nurtures) it. Who increases it?
2. While true transformation only happens with God's intervention, *what* must we have as "planters" according to paragraph 3 on pg. 1.

### Tuesday: I Corinthians 2:14-16, 3:1; Galatians 5:16; Phil. 2:5

#### Be Controlled By The Holy Spirit

3. What do we learn in 1 Corinthians 2:14 & 3:1? What is the difference between the "*natural*" and the "*carnal*" man? Who is saved? Who is not?
4. According to I Corinthians 2:15-16, we learn that the "*spiritual*" man is "saved." Through what knowledge does he achieve this?

### Wednesday: I Cor. 3:2-3; Mat. 4:4; I Pet. 2:2; Heb. 5:12-6:1a

#### Be Nourished With The Word Of God

5. In I Corinthians 3:2 Paul makes the statement: "*I fed you with milk and not with solid food.*" What does this say about those who are receiving it?
6. What do we learn about "*milk*" and "*solid food*" in Hebrews 5:12-14? Who is *ready* for solid food according to verse 14 and why?

### Thursday: I Corinthians 3:3-6; I Corinthians 1:10

#### Be Unified In The Person Of God

7. In I Corinthians 3:3-4 we address "*carnal*" man and all of *his ways*! What are some of his characteristics and do they resemble YOUR own?
8. Who would we define as the mature believers in I Corinthians 3:5-6? How do Paul and Apollos' actions reflect their focus on God?
9. Paul pleads with the people that they have "*no divisions*" among them and be "*perfectly joined together*" (I Cor. 1:10). How is this achieved?

### Friday: I Corinthians 3:7-8; Matthew 25:21

#### Be Committed To Service For God

10. What can we learn about the relationship between God and His "laborers" from I Corinthians 3:7? What can His laborers trust in?
11. I Corinthians 3:8 speaks of "*he who plants and he who waters.*" How will these *planters* and *waterers* be rewarded according to this verse?
12. What are the blessings in store for those who choose to commit themselves to serving God? What will they receive according to Matthew 25:21?