

*Daily Morning Message*

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Daily Lectionary Readings

Psalm 84

1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22

1 Corinthians 3:5-23

Today's Scripture Verse:

*I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. (1 Corinthians 3:6)*

What it means:

In this passage, Paul continues his argument that Christians should not depend upon worldly wisdom but upon the wisdom of God that often contradicts worldly values. The particular subject here is a debate among the church members about which pastor's advice, Apollos' or Paul's, should be followed. Paul points out that all church leaders, including pastors, have their own contributions to make. They are different from one another, but all are working toward the same end. Even so, it is not the skill or wisdom of any particular church leader but God whose blessing brings growth. The implication is that if a church wants to have lasting growth and influence it had better be doing the will of God.

Our time of reflection:

Guide us, God, away from petty quarrels about style and popularity, and remind us that we are here to serve under the guidance of your will to bring healing and reconciliation to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

