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Topic: Carnality Divides!
Text: 1 Corinthians 3:1-3

1. Believers must be aware of things that can break the unity in the church. If we are not aware, it may eventually lead to the destruction of the church.
Carnality is one way which can break the unity of the church. Carnality is seen in men who walk in the flesh and pursue sin and worldliness.
2. Paul calls the fellow Corinthian believers “brethren” to show that they had an intimate relationship in Christ. Every believer is a spiritual man who has the Holy Spirit in them and can know what God demands from His Word.
Therefore, no truly born again believer should be described as carnal.
3. Carnality is something that is childish. A person may know God’s Word in His head, but he doesn’t know how to discern and apply them in his life. The Corinthian church faced problems such as personality cults, issues on church discipline, the abuse of the gift of tongues and an unforgiving spirit. This was why Paul could not talk about deeper spiritual things because the believers were still unable to handle those things.
4. Such carnality led to division and schism because people served Christ for the wrong reason and wanted self-promotion. This ought not to be the case in Churches because we are all labourers together with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Carnality leads us to look at men, but spirituality leads us to look at Christ.