



Bad Ideas for a Good Church

Lessons from 1 Corinthians



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Bad Idea #1: The Church can be united around personalities



I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

[1 Corinthians 1:10 ESV]



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**11 For it has been reported to me
by Chloe's people that there is
quarreling among you, my
brothers. 12 What I mean is that
each one of you says, "I follow
Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I
follow Cephas," or "I follow
Christ."**

[1 Corinthians 1:11-12 ESV]



**Is Christ divided? Was Paul
crucified for you? Or were you
baptized in the name of Paul?**

[1 Corinthians 1:13 ESV]



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**14 I thank God that I baptized
none of you except Crispus and
Gaius, 15 so that no one may say
that you were baptized in my
name. 16 (I did baptize also the
household of Stephanas.
Beyond that, I do not know
whether I baptized anyone
else.)**

[1 Corinthians 1:14-16 ESV]



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17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

[1 Corinthians 1:17 ESV]

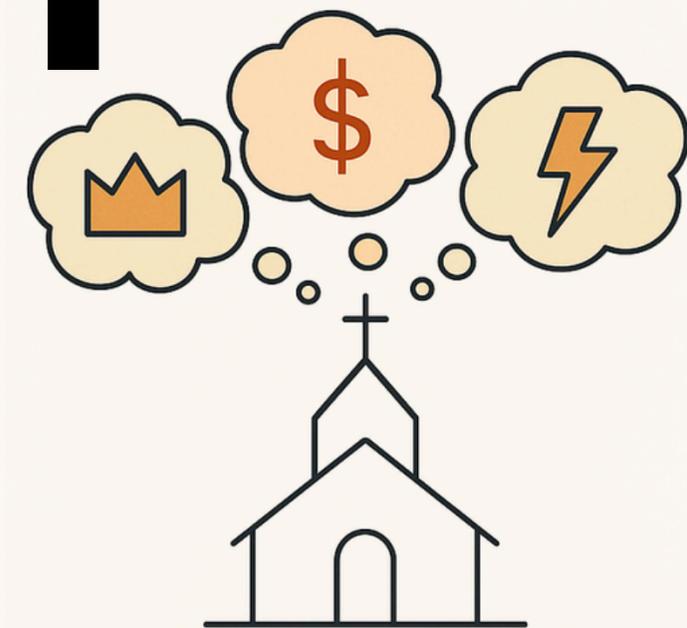


**The gospel
creates unity,
not uniformity**



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**Personality-
driven faith
produces
faction-driven
churches**



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**The cross is the
only foundation
that won't
divide us**



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**What do we do
about it, as a
church and
individually?**



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