



Daily Reflections

August 31, 2016

Scripture

1 Corinthians 3: 1-9

Brothers and sisters,
I could not talk to you as spiritual people,
but as fleshly people, as infants in Christ.
I fed you milk, not solid food,
because you were unable to take it.
Indeed, you are still not able, even now,
for you are still of the flesh.
While there is jealousy and rivalry among you,
are you not of the flesh, and walking
according to the manner of man?
Whenever someone says, "I belong to Paul," and another,
"I belong to Apollos," are you not merely men?
What is Apollos, after all, and what is Paul?
Ministers through whom you became believers,
just as the Lord assigned each one.

I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth.
Therefore, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything,
but only God, who causes the growth.
He who plants and he who waters are one,
and each will receive wages in proportion to his labor.
For we are God's co-workers;
you are God's field, God's building.

Our Scripture Reflection

Strong egos lead to division as Paul knew so well from his experience with the Corinthians. So many of them were so full of themselves and each had his favorite preacher, that is, the one who said what each person wanted to hear. Their naïveté really upset Paul. In today's Scripture, he reminds the Corinthians that there is only one truth, one Gospel, because there is only one Christ. All are called to witness to Him, each using his unique gifts. We are meant to be "co-workers", says Paul, united in Christ and for His purpose.

Food for your Journey

The late Fred Rogers, of PBS's Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood fame, once said: "In the giving of help, a parent experiences one of the best feelings that any of us can have: that life has meaning because we are needed by someone else. Watching a baby grow with our help tells us other things we like to feel about ourselves: that we are competent and loving."

—Fred Rogers, *The World According to Mr. Rogers: Important Things to Remember* (New York: Hyperion, 2003), 82.

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You have blessed me with many gifts, the most important of which is my faith in You. Keep me faithful and true to Your Word. Through my words and actions, may others come to see You. Amen.