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Why the church divides

1 Cor 3:3 You are still **worldly**. For since there is **jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly?** Are you not acting like mere humans? 4 For when one says, "**I follow Paul,**" and another, "**I follow Apollos,**" are you not **mere human beings?**

The ways of the world

- Over emphasis on leaders
- Inability to appreciate diversity
- Self sufficiency



When I grow up,
I want to be a
follower

The world idolizes leaders

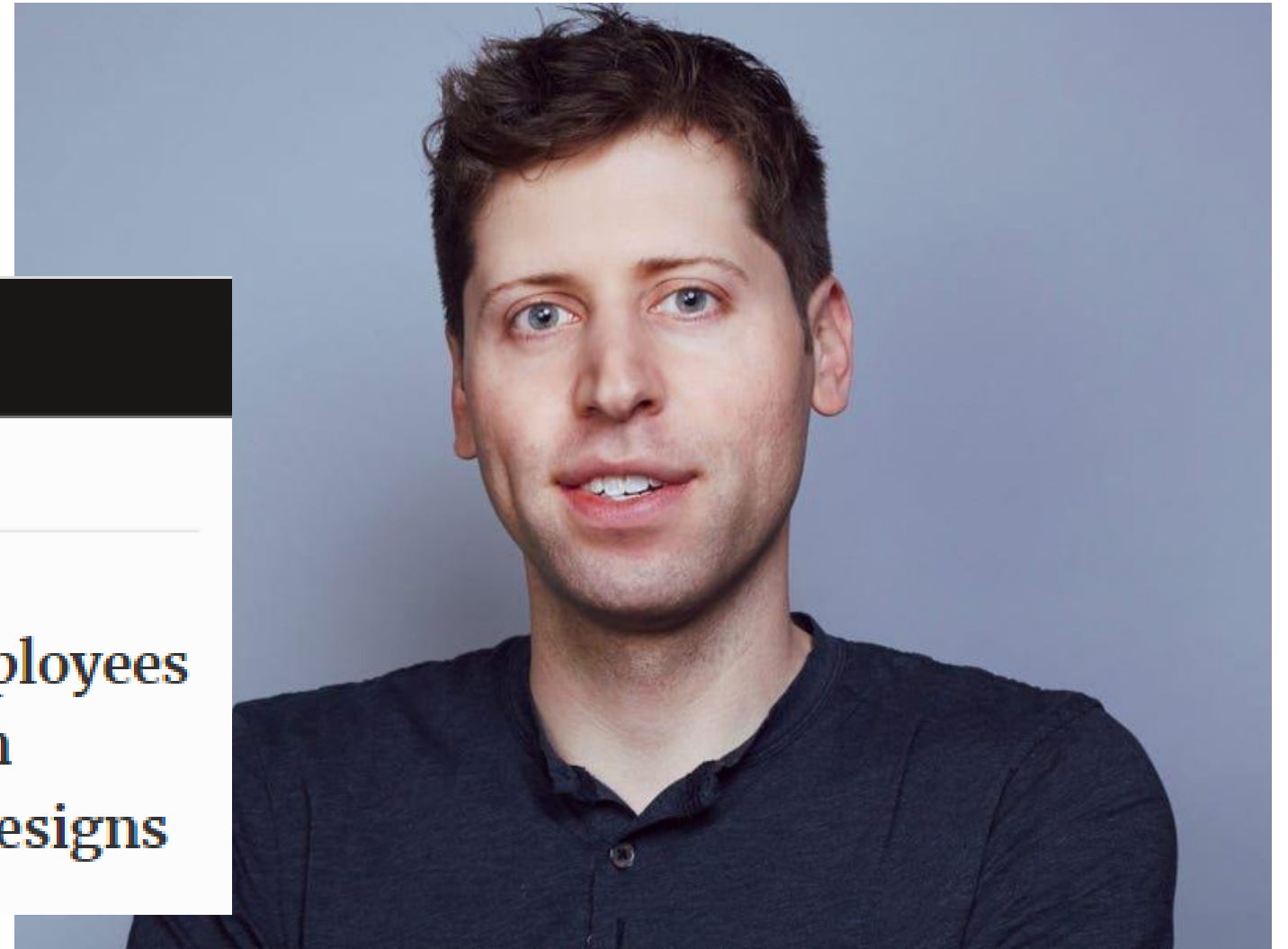


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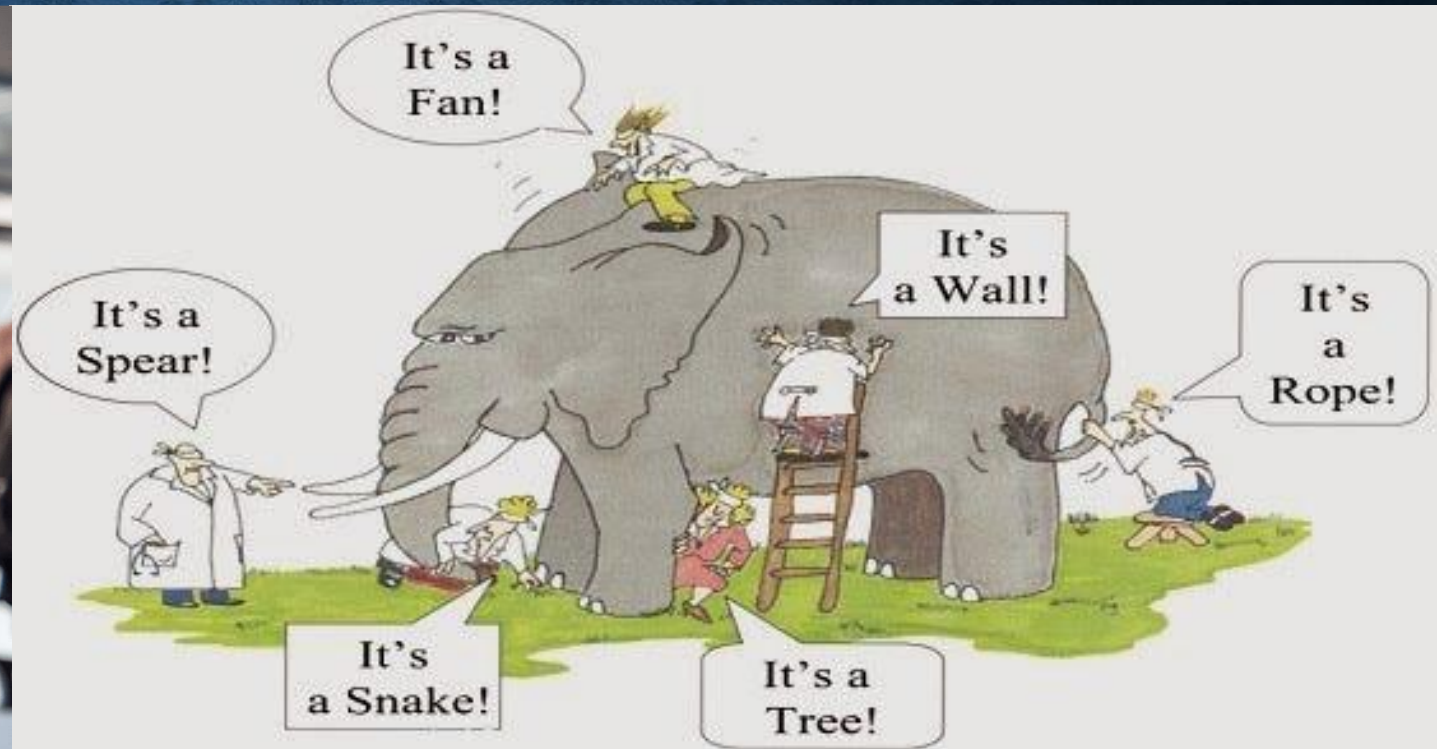
**More Than 700 OpenAI Employees
Threaten To Quit—And Join
Microsoft—Unless Board Resigns**



Leaders are highly regarded

RANK	NAME	COMPANY	TOTAL ANNUAL COMI	Stock Price 2021 vs Today
1	Elon Musk	Tesla (NASDAQ:TSLA)	\$10.077 billion	-57%
2	Robert Scaringe	Rivian Automotive (NASDAQ:RIVN)	\$2.289 billion	-93%
3	Tim Cook	Apple (NASDAQ:AAPL)	\$853 million	0%
4	Peter Rawlinson	Lucid (NASDAQ:LCID)	\$575 million	-95%
5	Tom Siebel	C3.ai (NYSE:AI)	\$343 million	-85%

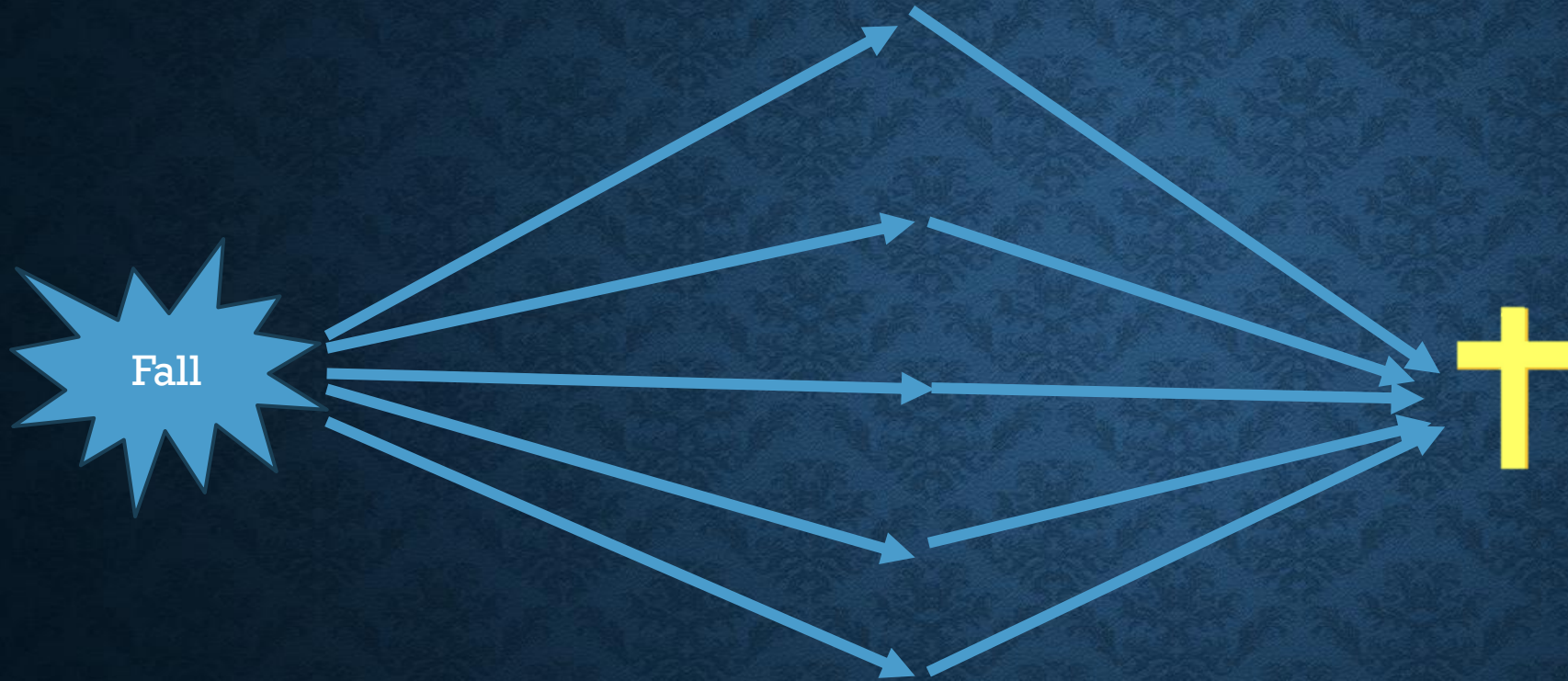
Inability to appreciate diversity



Self sufficiency without God

1 Sam 8:6 But when they said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. 7 And the Lord told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; **it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king**”

Why it's impossible to have divisions in the church



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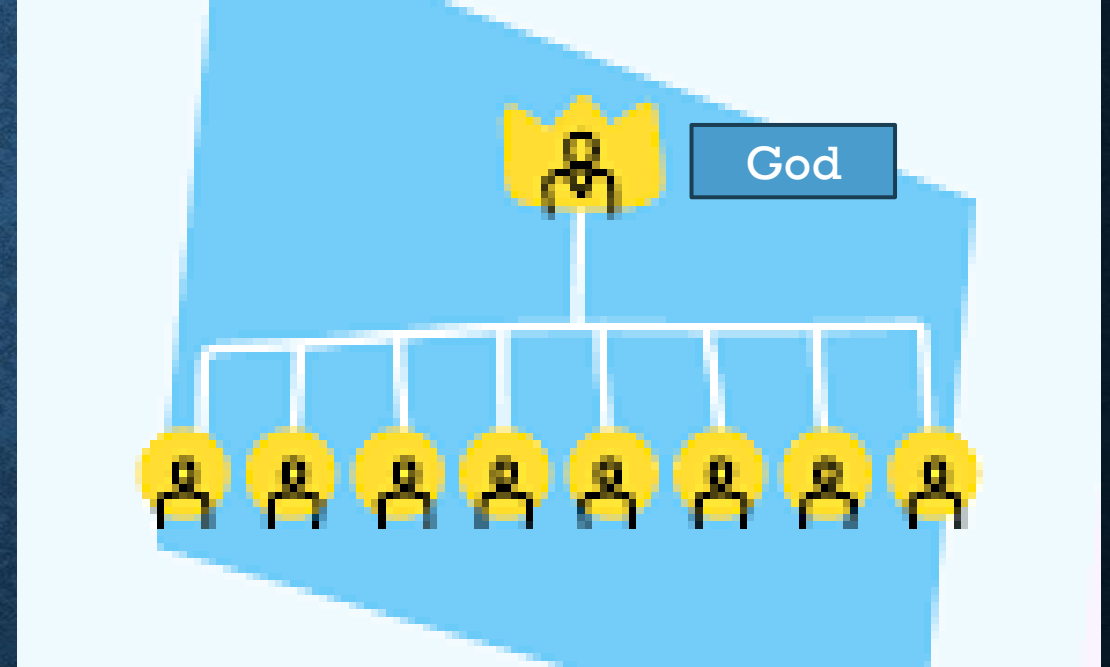
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2. How God builds

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1. Leaders are servants
2. God uses everyone
3. God has assigned tasks to everyone
4. Growth is from God

Leaders are servants, existing to serve functional purposes



CEOs were paid 344 times more than the average worker in 2022 up from 21 times in 1965

God uses everyone

Fishermen – Andrew, Peter, James, John

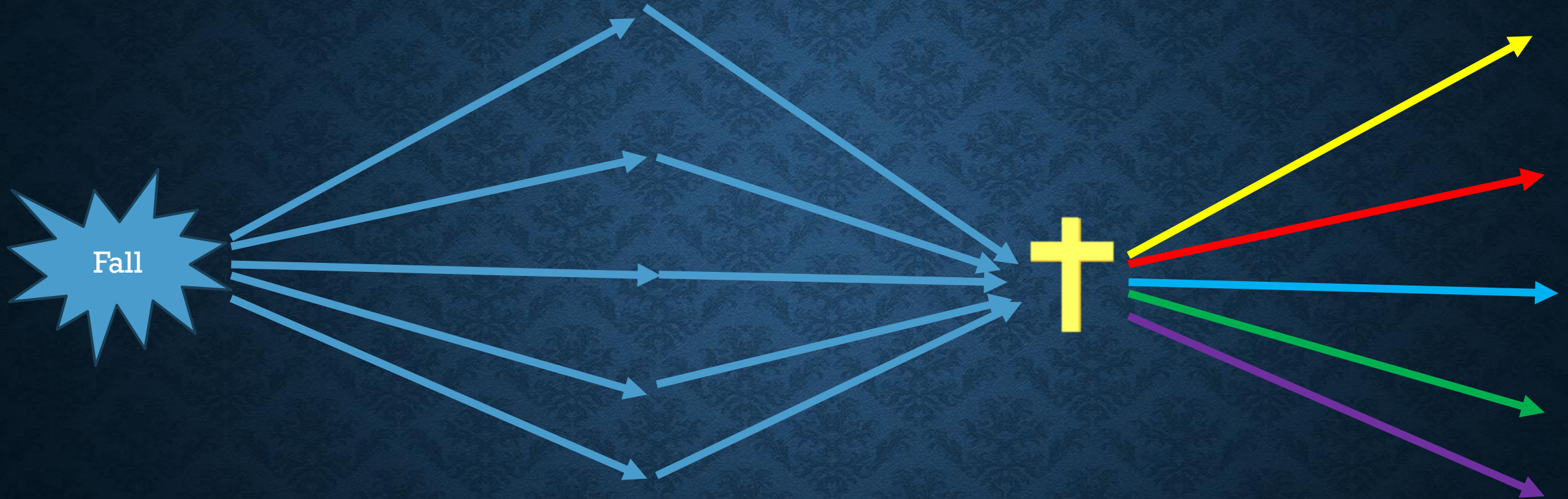
Tax collector – Matthew

Zealot – Simon

Others unknown



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Which is the most important ministry in Church on Sundays?

Preaching

Worship

Usher

Parking

Sunday School

Audio Visual

Maintenance



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What do we use to build the church?

1 Cor 3:10 By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should **build with care**. 11 For **no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ**. 12 If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 13 their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. 14 If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. 15 If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

Work that survives – Gold, silver, costly stones

Work that is useless – Wood, hay, straw

Everything must be built on Jesus Christ

Gold, silver, costly stones





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1 Cor 3:16 Don't you know that you yourselves are **God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst**? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

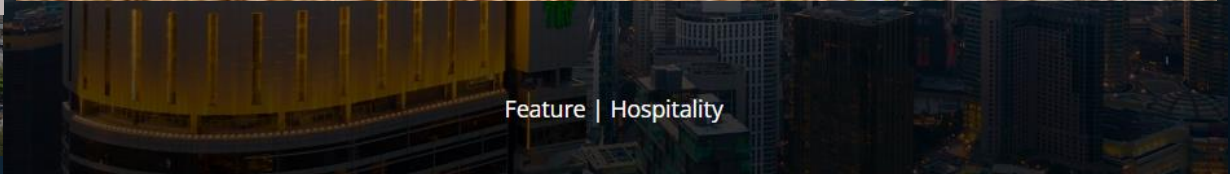
The church is God's temple

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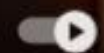
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Chip Ingram – Holy Ambition



19:57 / 41:16



WHY DO WE BUILD?

2 Cor 5:14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.



The alternative society that is blessed



1 Cor 3:21 ... All things are yours,
22 whether Paul or Apollos or
Cephas or the world or life or
death or the present or the future—
all are yours, 23 and you are of
Christ, and Christ is of God.

Benediction

1 Cor 15:58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.