

THE PROBLEM OF BEING SPIRITUALLY SELF-CENTERED¹
Corinthians 1:1-9

#1- The church in Corinth was a _____. Why? Because in

_____ most of his letters, Paul says he's thankful for

_____ he's _____.

_____ But in this one he says thankful for what they'd been _____

#2- It wasn't that they weren't interested in their _____. The trouble was how they _____

#2b- They were more concerned with _____

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vs. 1-3- This is a standard greeting- but comb through it. List some things you find.

vs. 4-6- Read carefully. What exactly was Paul thankful for?

The sermon said it was significant that Paul did not say he was thankful for their work, or their growth. Do you think that was a big deal? If so, why?

This church was a mess. Paul planted it. How do you think he should handle this?

#3- Here's the key to how Paul thought they should tackle their problems:

realize

#3b- They couldn't focus on those tools because their focus was on

_____. That's

#4- We- like the Corinthians- have already been given all we need. All it

takes is getting out of our own way, and remembering to

What are some of the most common problems churches have today? Are they sin issues, personality issues, theological disagreements? *What is the most common problem in modern churches?* What's the most harmful?

vs. 7- If they already had the tools they needed to serve, then what was the problem?

What are the "tools" (or gifts) we need to serve God? Are they the same today?

vs. 8-9- What promises are here, and how do they affect our ability to serve God?