

Corinth

Post

Modern

Faith

Unbroken

Recap

In the Apostle Paul's day, Corinth had several nicknames. It was known as **Carnal Corinth, Sin City, or Vanity Fair**. To "corinthianize" a person was to **corrupt** a person. It was to take him beyond his **moral limits**. People went to Corinth to be corinthianized - it was like a rite of passage. There was no greater insult that could be given a woman than to be called a Corinthian. **Julie Edensor**

Recap

Corinth is **sensual**

Corinth is **immature**

Corinth is **struggling** with **transformation**

Corinth is trying to **blend** the Gospel and culture

Recap

I am shocked that you are **turning away** so soon from God, who called you to himself through the loving mercy of Christ. You are following a **different** way that **pretends** to be the Good News but is not the Good News at all. You are being **fooled** by those who **deliberately** twist the truth concerning Christ. [Galatians 1:6-7](#)

Obviously, I'm not trying to win the **approval** of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be **Christ's servant**. [Vs 10](#)

Evangelicalism

A **literal** approach to biblical interpretation within history and context

Bible interprets

Liberalism

Approaching scripture **mythologically** and abstractly. Applying various bible criticisms

People interpret

Progressive

Seeing scripture as one of **many** sacred documents. Re-interpret and re-define terms

Culture interprets

Characteristics of a Teachable Person, David Deselm

To begin with, teachability is not so much about **competence** and **mental capacity** as it is about **attitude**. It is the desire to listen, learn, and apply. It is the hunger to discover and **grow**.

In short, teachability is the **willingness** to **learn, unlearn, and relearn**.

legendary basketball coach John Wooden states it: “It’s what you **learn** after you **know** it all that counts.”

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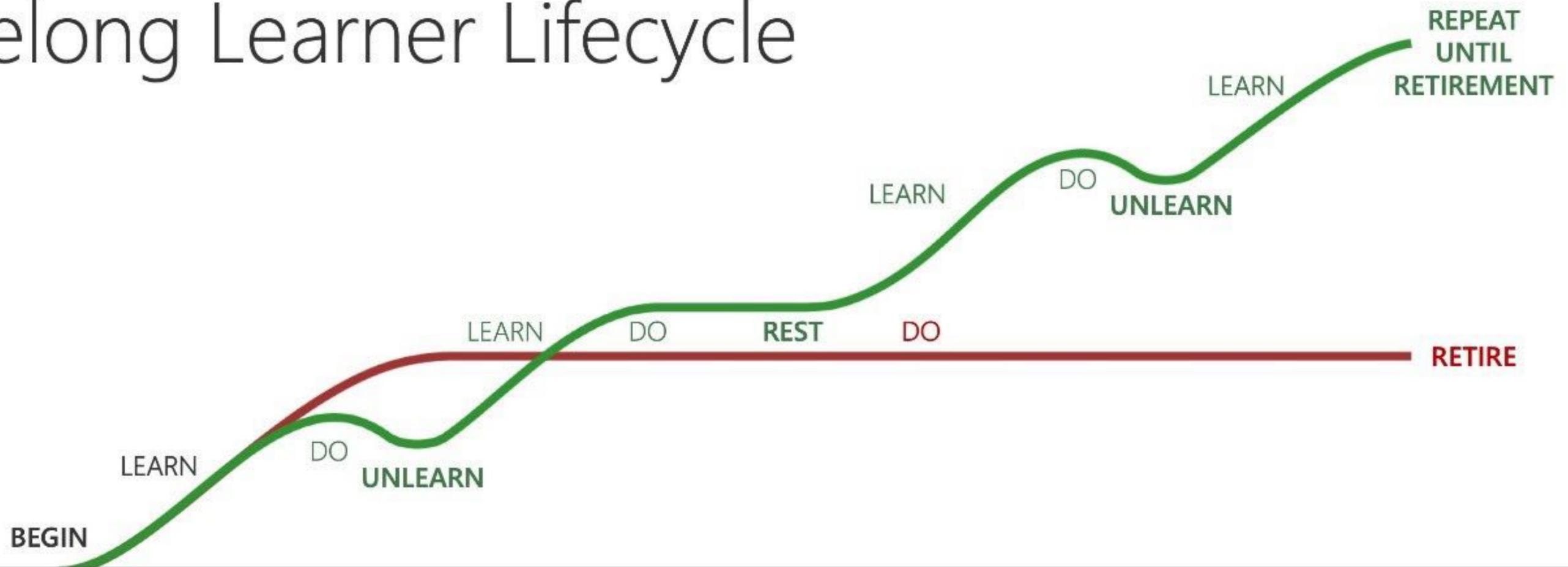
So, what are some of the **characteristics** of a teachable person?

A teachable person keeps a **humble** heart.

A teachable person learns in **failure**.

A teachable person maintains a high **curiosity** quotient.

Lifelong Learner Lifecycle



"The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn!"

– ALVIN TOFFLER

imagine a church consisting entirely of **baby** Christians. When Paul wrote the letter of 1 Corinthians to the church at Corinth, the believers had been Christians for no more than **three years**. They were all recent converts. They didn't have **generations** of Christians in their culture. None of them **grew up** in a Christian home. **Andy Naselli**

What is the greatest **threat** to the church today?

Greeting

This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and from our brother **Sosthenes**. I am writing to God's church in Corinth, to you who have been called by God to be his own **holy people**. He **made you holy** by means of Christ Jesus, just as he did for all people everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. **1:2-3**

The crowd then grabbed **Sosthenes**, the leader of the synagogue, and beat him right there in the courtroom. **Acts 18:17**

Holy—the process of Christ-likeness

Greeting

I always thank my God for you and for the gracious gifts he has given you, now that you belong to Christ Jesus. Through him, God has **enriched** your church in **every way**—with all of your **eloquent words** and all of your **knowledge**. *Vs 4-5*

Subtext, God has given you what you **need** for growth and maturity

Greeting

Now you have every spiritual gift **you need** as you eagerly wait for the **return** of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will **keep you strong** to the end so that you will be **free from all blame** on the day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns. **God will do this**, for he is faithful to do what he says, and he has invited you into **partnership** with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Vs 7-9**

Start with the **end** in mind

Divisions

I **appeal** to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in **harmony** with each other. Let there be no **divisions** in the church. Rather, be of **one mind, united** in **thought** and purpose. **Vs 10**

appeal (present tense): continuous action, habitual, often reflects a lifestyle

Of all the ‘problems’ Paul wants to address, **division** is first

The ancient Greek word for divisions is “schismata.” Although we derive our English word “schism” from this Greek word, it does not really mean a “party” or a “faction”; it properly means “**tear or rend**.” Paul’s plea is that they stop ripping each other apart, tearing up the body of Christ, sowing **discord**

Divisions

katartízō (harmony): to adjust, fit, finish, in turn from ártios = fit, complete means to fit or join together and so to mend or repair.

Katartízō conveys the fundamental idea of putting something into its appropriate condition so it will **function** well. It conveys the idea of making whole by fitting together, to order and arrange properly. When applied to that which is weak and defective, it denotes setting right what has **gone wrong**, to restore to a **former** condition, whether **mending** broken nets or **setting** broken bones.

Harmony is not a **static** state, it is the constant **vigilance** of what is **weak** and or **broken**

Divisions

For some members of Chloe's household have told me about your **quarrels**, my dear brothers and sisters. Some of you are saying, "I am a follower of **Paul**." Others are saying, "I follow **Apollos**," or "I follow **Peter**," or "I follow only **Christ**." **Vs 11-12**

Founder: first experience

Celebrity: Meanwhile, a Jew named Apollos, an eloquent speaker who knew the Scriptures well **Acts 18:24a**

Peter: The pillar of the church, Judiazers, traditions

Only Jesus: (red letter Christians), pure, true

Divisions

"The Corinthians' boasting about their "party leaders" was really boasting about **themselves**. It wasn't so much that they thought (their "leader") was great, but that **they were great** for following him." **Steve Guzik**

A type of spiritual **virtue** signalling

Divisions

Has Christ been divided into **factions**? Was I, Paul, crucified for you?
Were any of you baptized in the name of Paul? Of course not! **Vs 13**

Division starts with **perspective/preference**, it is **subtle** in its origins. But as time grows and hearts harden, our egos declare that our way is the only or best way. Rebellion loves company

There was an old, contentious Quaker who went from one meeting to another, never finding the **“true” church**. Someone once said to him, “Well, what church are you in now?” He said, “I am in the true church at last.” “How many belong to it?” “Just my wife and myself, and I am not sure about her sometimes.”

Divisions

For Christ didn't send me to baptize, but to preach the **Good News**—and not with **clever** speech, for fear that the cross of Christ would lose its power. **Vs 17**

Cleverness, sophia: Sophia is used in an ironic sense (ironic because it is not true wisdom in God's estimation) by adding "of this world" (1Cor 1:20), "of this age" (1Cor 2:6), or "fleshly wisdom" (2Cor 1:12).

Clever is not simply intellectual it is also **copying** the means, **methods** and **values** of culture to convey the Gospel

Wisdom

The message of the **cross** is **foolish** to those who are headed for destruction!
But we who are being saved know it is the **very power** of God. **Vs 18**

To the disciple of Jesus, the **cross** is the **starting point** for wisdom. Sacrifice, servanthood, humility, disciple, teachable

Wisdom

Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through **human** wisdom, he has used our **foolish** preaching to save those who believe. *Vs 21*

Wisdom

But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the **power** of God and the **wisdom** of God. This **foolish plan** of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength. [Vs 24-25](#)

Wisdom

God has **united** you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ **made us** right with God; he **made us** pure and holy, and he **freed us** from sin. Therefore, as the Scriptures say, “If you want to boast, boast only about the Lord.” **Vs 30-31**

Made us right: positional, God’s plan

Made us pure and holy: atonement, Christ-likeness

He freed: process, the Holy Spirit’s work

Characteristics of a Divisive Person

Unteachable: humility lies at the heart of a student

Critical/grumble without action: the ability to see what is wrong is present in all of us, but simply telling others what is wrong without action to fix is the first step towards rebellion. Complaining loves company

Lack of Generosity: our time, talents and treasures are for others

Pride: elevation of our preferences to the level of “thus sayeth the Lord...”

Division is one apart, “one no other” (I don’t need to go to church to be a Christian)

In accepting other creeds of the Christian Church (such as the Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, and the Augsburg Confession) and in its practice, the **Moravian Church** is guided by these words: "In essentials, **unity**; in nonessentials, **liberty**; and in all things, **love**." (**Moravian Motto**)

I am a follower of
I follow factions offended
human strength
nonsense quarrels
signs from heaven important
I follow only powerful
lose its power
scholars clever speech
wealthy philosophers
human wisdom
cross is foolish
world's brilliant debaters

divisions vs harmony
foolish vs wise

God's weakness foolish preaching
belong to Christ Jesus
spiritual gift Christ was crucified
despised preach the Good News
nothing at all enriched your
church in every way
foolish plan keep you strong
very power of God
holy people one mind
powerless
partnership with his Son
united in thought
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Internal

exoutheneo: is a strong verb which means to despise someone on basis that it is **worthless** or of **no value**. To consider as **nothing**. To treat someone **contemptuously** as if completely worthless, despicable, or of no account.



God chose things **despised** by the world, things counted as **nothing** at all, and used **them** to bring to nothing what the world considers **important**. **Vs 28**

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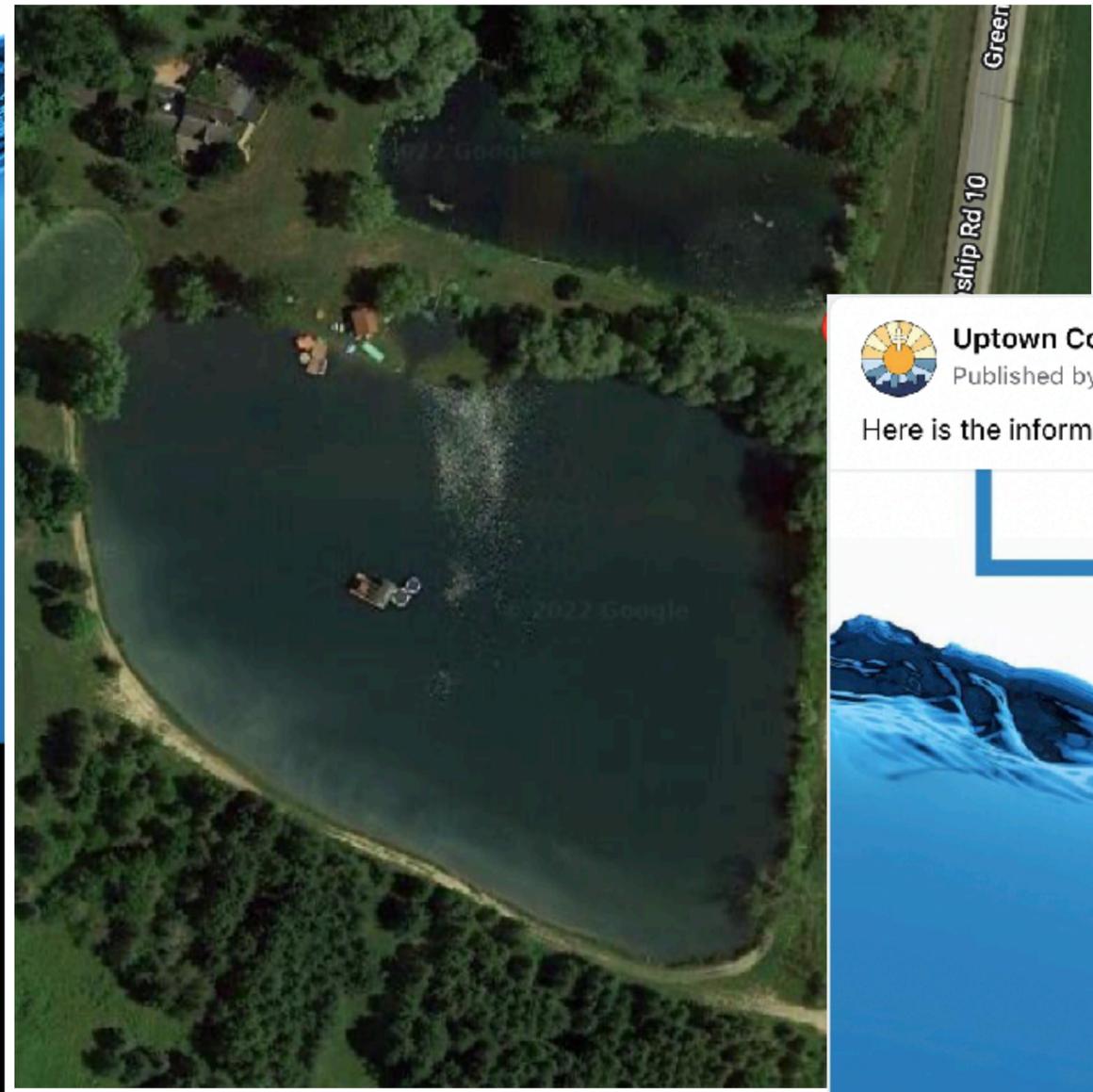
Paul uses “**Christ**” 18x in this chapter

What is the greatest **threat** to the church today?

A **conflicted** church

Baptism

Sunday July 10th



Uptown Community Church

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Baptism

Sunday July 10th

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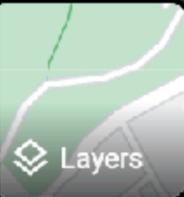
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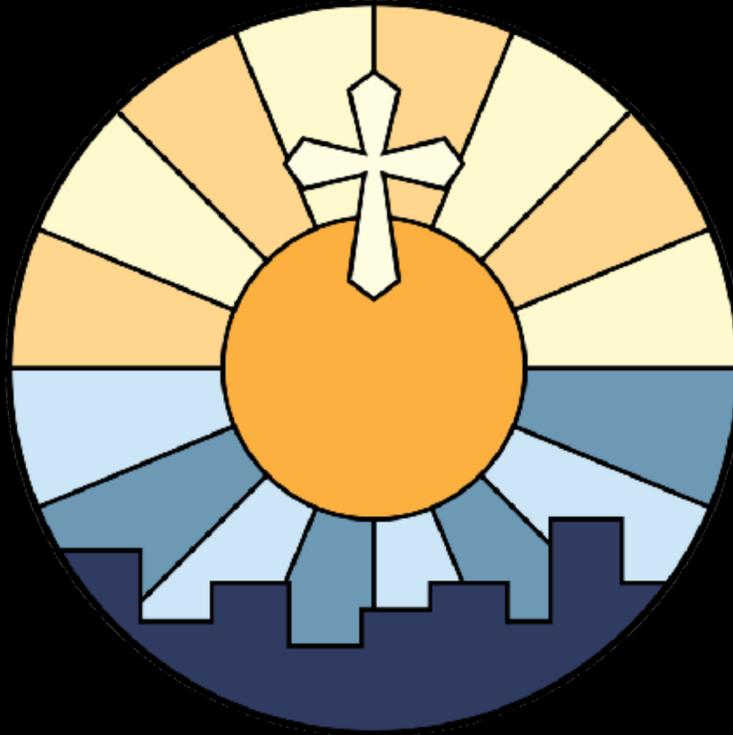
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