

There was a time when the apostles weren't very mature. [Mark 9:33-34](#) records one instance when they “\_\_\_\_\_ with one another about who was the greatest.” But they **grew** and have been powerfully used by God to help **disciples of Jesus** grow for a very long time.

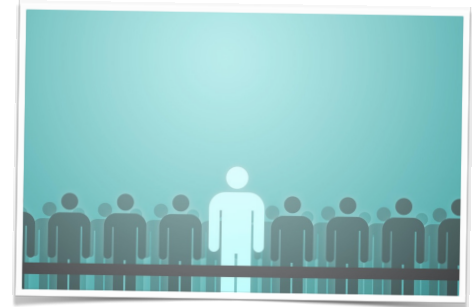
In [1 Corinthians 3:1-9](#), the apostle Paul also describes some Christians as not very mature. **Why?**

For while there is \_\_\_\_\_ and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human? ([1 Corinthians 3:3-4](#))

**How should we think of the apostles? Who were they?**

\_\_\_\_\_ through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ([1 Corinthians 3:5; 4:1](#))

In [1 Corinthians 4:6](#), we find out just how important this lesson is for **US**:




I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that \_\_\_\_\_ may learn by us not to go \_\_\_\_\_ what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another.

The apostles lived a **VERY** long time ago, but there are still **REALLY** important lessons for **US** to learn from them. We would still “do well to pay attention” to the words of the apostles and prophets ([2 Peter 1:16-19](#)). We would still “do well” to be “devoted” to the “apostles’ teaching,” just like the very first Christians ([Acts 2:42](#)). **Why?** Because whenever and wherever we live, when we read the God-breathed words delivered to us through those apostles, we can “perceive” their “insight into the mystery of Christ” ([Ephesians 3:1-5](#)).


We can understand God’s will for our lives because of the work and sacrifices of the apostles!

# FOUNDATION STONES



 We heard about the apostles arguing in [Mark 9](#). Why do you think people—even disciples of Jesus—have found it easy for a very long time to argue about things like “Who is the greatest?”

## CHARACTER Building Blocks:

 We’ve talked **A LOT** about the **apostles** this month. Have you memorized all 12 of their names yet? If you need help, you can find all of their names in [Luke 6:12-16](#).

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 And here’s a **BONUS** question: who was the **13<sup>th</sup>** apostle appointed in [Acts 1](#)?

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 Whose place did he take?

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