TODAY'S SCRIPTURE FOCUS:

T CORINTHIANS 3:

Vs. 1 - 11

"IT ISN'T (AINT) ABOUT YOU!"

"Every church is driven by something. There is a guiding force, a controlling assumption, a directing conviction behind <u>everything</u> that happens." (pg. 77)

"Unless the driving force behind a church is biblical, the health and growth of the church will never be what GOD intended."

"Strong churches are built on purpose!" "Plans, programs and personalities don't last. But GOD's purposes will last."(pg. 81)

SERMONIC POINTS:

#1: CONSTITUTION

#2: CONCLUSION

#3: CONSTRUCTION

SERMONIC POINT #1: CONSTITUTION

(what are we made of?)

"And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ."

I Corinthians 3:1

"I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able."

I Corinthians 3:2

"for you are still carnal.
For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?"

I Corinthians 3:3

"For when one says,
'I am of Paul,' and
another, "I am of
Apollos," are you not
carnal?"
I Corinthians 3:4

SERMONIC POINT #2:
CONCLUSION

"Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the LORD gave to each one?" *I Cor. 3:5*

"I planted, Apollos watered, but GOD gave the increase."

I Corintians 3:6

"So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but GOD who gives the increase."

I Corinthians 3:6

SERMONIC POINT #3: CONSTRUCTION

"Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor." *I Cor. 3:8*

"For we are GOD's fellow workers, you are GOD's field, you are GOD's building."

I Corinthians 3:9

"According to the grace of GOD which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it." I Cor. 3:10