

The Dangerous Necessity of Goal-Driven Ministry: 1 Corinthians 3

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Here's the outline: Please feel free to just use the main headings if that's what people are used to. You can also pop in the dot points if your people tend to like a fuller outline.

Goals

- Goals in sport
- Goals and church

1. The main thing and smaller goals

- The main thing (1:26–31)
- Therefore preaching the gospel (1:17; 2:2)
- Therefore living for the salvation of others (9:22–23)
- For all of us (10:33–11:1)
- How smaller goals help us

2. The danger: how the Corinthians let a smaller goal take over the main thing (3:1–9)

- Smaller goal: Effective preaching
- Why this was such a big danger
- A danger for us, too

3. The answer: Build on the foundation = the main thing (3:10–17)

- Building in Corinth
- Building on the foundation of Christ crucified
- The warning: Watch out!
- The future day of reckoning
- What that means for us

4. Don't boast in our human wisdom (3:18–23)

- Goals are useful, but
- The danger is still real
- Don't make the smaller goal the main thing
- Taking the gospel seriously