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* A different approach than in 1 Corinthians 3.
  + His plan – stretch this congregation and call them to maturity.
* We must not be comfortable in a state of immaturity.
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