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THE NATURE OF MINISTRY

Chapter 3

Summary: Ministry involves rebuking, farming, building, and humility.

I. Ministry is rebuking (1-4): (A) *treat* the carnal as babes [1-2]; (B) *rebuke* the carnal as babes [3-4].

II. Ministry is farming (5-9): (A) each Christian *contributes* [5-7]; (B) each Christian *will be rewarded* [8-9].

III. Ministry is building (10-17): (A) the **wise builder** is rewarded [10-14]; (B) the *unwise builder* suffers loss [15]; (C) the *destructive builder* is destroyed [16-17].

IV. Ministry is humbling (18-23): (A) do not glory *in yourself* [18-20]; do not glory *in others* [21-23].

Lesson: *May our ministries fulfill these four requirements.*