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Jeremiah 49:16

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...regard one another
as more important than yourselves

Philippians 2:3

With pride comes only contention

Proverbs 13:10

An arrogant man stirs up strife

Proverbs 28:25

Contention with the Corinthian Church

1:10 I exhort you...that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you

1:11 there are quarrels among you

3:3 there is jealousy and strife among you

6:5 Is there no one among you wise enough to settle disputes between fellow Christians?

11:16 but if anyone is inclined to be contentious

11:18 I hear that divisions exist among you

11:19 for there must also be factions among you

12:25 so that there may be no division in the body

PRIDE

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Pride in the Corinthian Church

[1 Corinthians]

Chapters 1-2: Exalted human wisdom

Chapters 3-4: Exalted human leaders

Chapter 5: Tolerated sin by neglecting church discipline

Chapter 6: Took each other to court

Chapter 8-9: Insisted on their rights to eat meat sacrificed to idols

Chapters 11-13: In their corporate worship service

- Lacked submission in family/church roles
- Looked out for their own interests at Lord's table
- Used their spiritual gifts to draw attention to themselves

I exhort you, be imitators of me

1 Corinthians 4:16

Be imitators of me, just as I am of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:1

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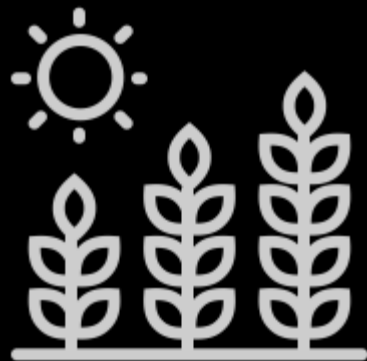
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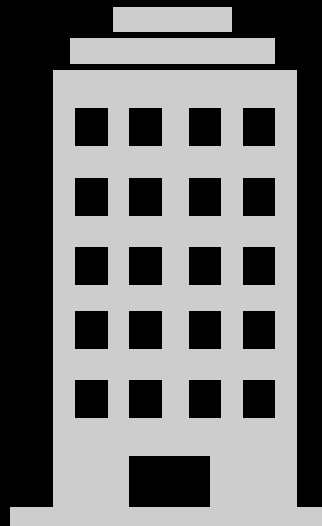
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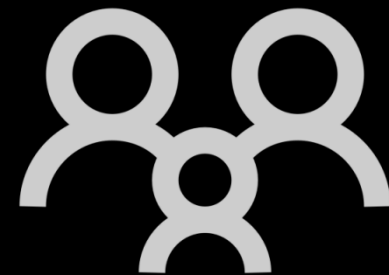
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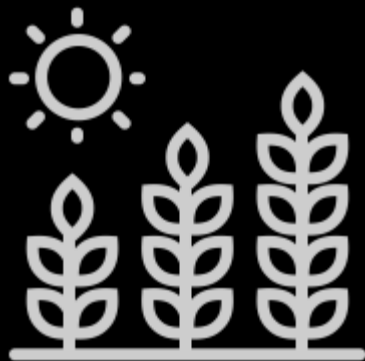




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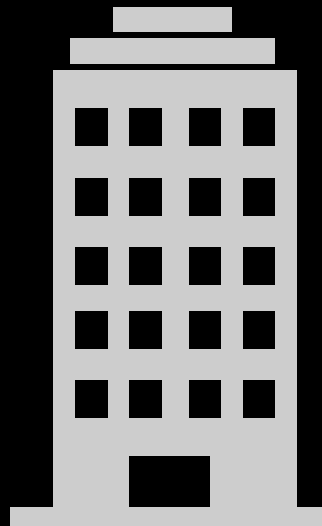
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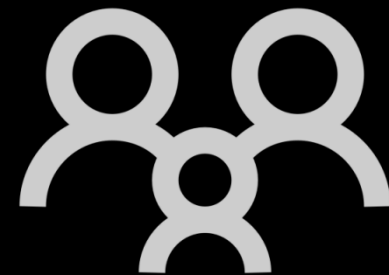
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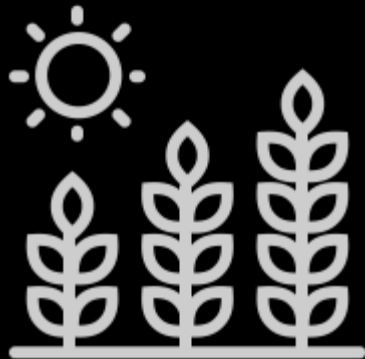




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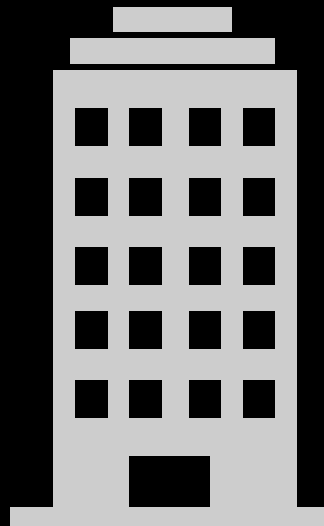
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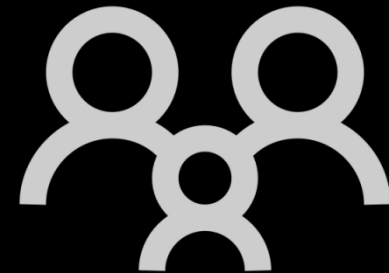
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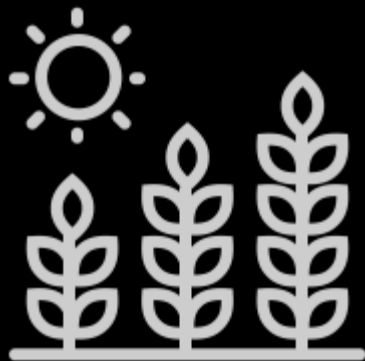




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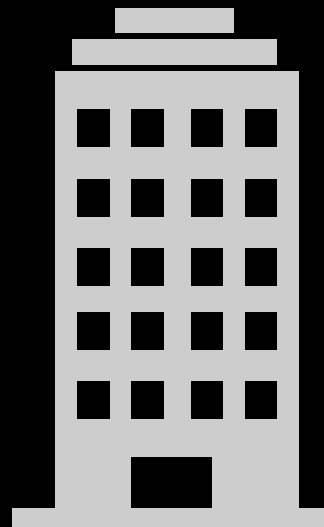
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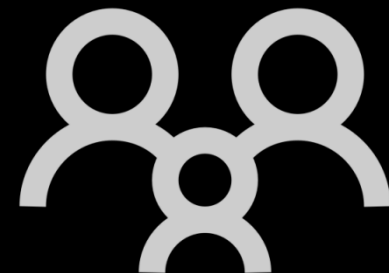
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...you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.

Revelation 3:17

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"He who is already lying down
needs fear no fall."

John Bunyan

The Cross's Criticism of Us

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“Every Christian has a choice between being humble or being humbled.”

Charles Spurgeon

“Welcome everything
that helps you on toward humility.”

Andrew Murray


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