

Build Carefully
1 Corinthians 3:10-15
July 30, 2023

1. Be careful how you build the church (10-11)

2. Build the church in view of the future day of Christ's return (12-15)

Next week: The sermon will be from Colossians. Please study the book of Colossians in preparation.

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Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. In 1 Corinthians 3:16, to what is the church likened?
3. What does it mean that Paul laid a foundation (verse 10)?
4. What does it mean to build on the foundation with gold, silver, and precious stones? What does it mean to build on the foundation with wood, hay, and straw (verse 12)?
5. Verse 13 speaks of “the Day.” What day is this?
6. What will happen to those who build with gold, silver, and precious stones?
7. What will happen to those who build with wood, hay, and straw?
8. How does a person become part of Christ’s church?

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. How does this passage apply to a church’s elders and teachers? How does this passage apply to every member of the church?
3. How are the members of the church to go about building the church?
4. What might a church look like today that is being built with wood, hay, and straw? What does a church look like today that is being built with gold, silver, and precious stones?
5. This passage has been wrongly used to support the Roman Catholic doctrine of purgatory. Did you ever believe in purgatory? If so, how did you later come to see it as a false teaching?
6. What is the primary way you should be affected by this sermon this week?