

The only foundation #5

1 Corinthians 3:11

Building For Testing

INTRO: Using this text, we have dealt with the foundation for life, Christ being that foundation, its being the foundation of the Gospel; of a sinner's salvation; the believer's hope; the church's ministry. At this time, we will consider the materials with which one can build, and which carry a promise of reward.

1. The only acceptable foundation is Jesus Christ - there can be **no** substitution here.
 - A. Nothing you can do - membership, tithing, praying, giving, learning, working, attempt at worship - will prevail.
 - B. Nothing others can do for you - intercession, heredity, support, love - will avail.
 - C. Critical truths - John 8:24; 14:6; Acts 4:12

2. The only acceptable building materials -
 - A. These are your responsibility.
 1. 1 Corinthians 1:12 - "...if any man..."
 2. Verse 13 - "...every man..."
 2. Verses 14,15 - "...if any man..."
 3. Verse - "...he himself..."
 - B. Your life is your building (Matthew chapter 7:10)
 - A. Your building will be tested - 1 Corinthians 3 and 2 Cor. 5:10
You should build for the future.

3. The Rewards - represents soul-winning.

"...gold, silver, precious stones", must be interpreted by the temple - 1 Corinthians 3:16. REMEMBER, where the temple and priestly garments used these items.

 - A. Remember, 'silver' was the 'coin of redemption'.
 1. It was used for the sockets that held up the curtains that separated the people from the priest.
 2. Think of the ministry of telling others about Jesus & His redeeming grace.
 3. All the rewards here are not future. Some can be enjoyed today.
 - B. Gold, represents Godly living.
 1. Gold was used only where the presence of God was manifested, or worshipped.

(a) Lev. 20:7 - "...be ye holy, for I am holy..."

(b) 1 Pet. 2:21 - "Christ left us an example...follow in His steps".

(c)Matthew 5:20 - "...except your righteousness exceeds..."

C. Precious stones - represent intercessory praying.

A. Exodus 28:12 - each stone carried a name. Aaron bore these stones upon his shoulders (responsibility), and over his heart (intercession), as he entered the presence of God.

1 Samuel 12:23

Luke 11:1

Luke 18:1

Matthew 6:9

Be honest - who is on your prayer list ?

B. The greatest thing you can do for self or others - pray !

4. JESUS IS COMING AGAIN !!

A. To rescue

B. To rapture

C. To reward

ARE YOU READY ??

Allow us to encourage you to build wisely for the future on the ONLY, SURE Foundation - The Lord Jesus Christ.