

BUILDING AND BOASTING

I CORINTHIANS 3:10-23

Key Word: Foundation

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1 Corinthians 3:10-23 - According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a **foundation**, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. 11 For no one can lay a **foundation** other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on the **foundation** with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— 13 each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work that anyone has built on the **foundation** survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," 20 and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." 21 So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, 23 and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

Big Idea: A Healthy Church is Built on the Right Foundation

Outline

1. Right Foundation and Right Materials (vv.10-15)
2. God's Temple (vv.16-17)
3. Don't be Foolish and Boastful (vv. 18-23)

I. RIGHT FOUNDATION AND RIGHT MATERIALS (3:10-15)

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- **The foundation determines the strength, integrity and the ability of the structure to withstand the test of time.**



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Each plays a part!

2. GOD'S TEMPLE (VV. 16-17)

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Exodus 25:8 – “And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst.”

- 1 Peter 2:4-6 - As you come to him [Jesus Christ], a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- Hebrews 13:15 – Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.”

3. DON'T BE FOOLISH AND BOASTFUL (18-23)

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- **We must not let our personal preferences become divisive prejudices.**

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