

Building Material

Scripture: **1 Corinthians 3:10-23**

Series: **1 Corinthians: [Un]Entitled**

Sunday, May 7th, 2023



Overview

Paul stresses the importance of prioritizing Christ as the foundation of our faith and not seeking human wisdom or success. He urges us to come together in unity, working towards a shared vision of building each other up and making disciples. Paul emphasizes that our ultimate reward lies in Christ, including salvation, security, and eternal life. However, he warns against building upon false foundations, which will be tested by God and not stand the test of time. Additionally, Paul advises against using rude or aggressive tactics to promote God's wisdom, emphasizing the importance of love and kindness in spreading the message. By following these principles, churches can remain steadfast in their faith and continue to grow in Christ.

Discussion Questions

1. Reread 1 Corinthians 3:10-23. What stands out to you?
2. What are some of the materials that Paul mentions in 1 Corinthians 3:12-15 that can be used to build on the foundation of Christ?
3. What does Paul mean when he says that the fire will test the quality of our work in building the Church?
4. What does Paul mean when he says that human wisdom will not withstand the fire?
5. What are some of the dangers of trying to build our lives and the Church on human wisdom rather than on the wisdom of God?
6. How can we ensure that the foundation of our life is built on Christ?
7. What materials am I using to build upon my foundation, which is Christ? (Gold, silver, precious stones or wood, hay and straw)?
8. In what ways can I ensure that my teachings, thoughts, and actions reflect Jesus and his engagement with the world?
9. How can I ensure that I am living according to God's love rather than the world's definition of love?