

BUILDING THE CHURCH

1 Corinthians 3.9-23

THE TEMPLE DOESN'T NEED ADDITIONS

Paul had just used an agricultural metaphor to describe the church, and now he uses a similar metaphor but by using the picture of a building. Before, he said "some planted, others water," and now he says "some lay a foundation, others build." He is saying that the Church (the people) are collectively God's building (specifically a temple), but we are also the builders.

His warning is that we would build on the only true foundation, Jesus Christ; that we wouldn't lay a new foundation.

**With our homes, we can add so many additions, move out walls, and remodel to the point where the main structure of the home isn't even built on the original foundation.
Let it not be so with the Church.**

BUILD TO CODE

1 Timothy 4.16

**When a building is built with shoddy materials,
people's lives become endangered.
When the church is built with shoddy materials,
People's lives become endangered.**

It is possible for you to you be a Christian (verse 15), but be building your life, faith, parenting, marriage, business, future, and even your ministry with shoddy materials or even on the wrong foundation to the point where you won't pass the "building inspection."

DON'T WAIT FOR TIME TO BE THE JUDGE

Don't build your own little addition where you can do your own thing. Don't build on a foundation that is not Christ. The scary thing about craftsmanship is that the quality of it is often not seen until much later. We don't want to get years down the road and realize we were building our lives on sand and with shoddy material.

Luke 6.46-49

There are many things that have a fine place in our lives and our church: sports, social lives, entertainment, activities, preferences, values, opinions, but they should simply be décor, not load-bearing walls, and most definitely not the foundation. Our foundation should only be Christ, and the building materials need to be the ones prescribed by God's Word that will stand the test of time.

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **1 Corinthians 3.9-23**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday? _____

What similarities, and what differences were there between the two metaphors Paul used to describe the church as both a field and a building? _____

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Read through the passage, as well as **Luke 6.46-49**. There is clear warning in these passages, but what part of the Good News are you able to remind yourself when you are going through difficult times or are facing fears or doubts? _____

Repent and Confess

The warnings are many here. What "additions" or "shoddy building materials" or ways you haven't "built to code" have you brought into your life as you've aimed to build your life and faith? Have you seen the negative results of any of this? What steps have you, or can you, take in order to renovate and get back to the true foundation and start using the right materials? _____

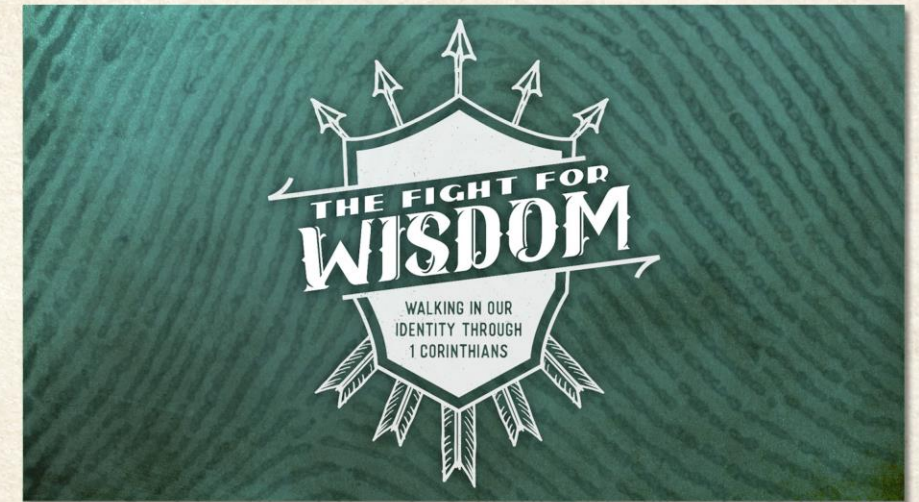
Ask for Provision

Thankfully, God is gracious and He can even make a crooked line straight. Anything we have built poorly can be renewed and built strongly. What do you need to ask of Him to help you do this? Wisdom? Accountability? Desire? _____

Your Life Mission

Read **1 Timothy 4.16**. Each one of us has "hearers" in our lives. What comes out of your mouth is either hay, wood, stones, or gold that you are partaking in the building of their lives. What conversations are coming up in your life with people, particularly those who don't trust in Christ, that you could use prayer for, that you would speak life giving words of gold and silver, rather than worthless hay and straw. Keep in mind...explicit Gospel words may be considered "gold," but intentional conversation to invite someone into a more personal conversation about things unrelated to God, such as listening to their concerns or fears, might still be considered "precious stones."

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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