

# Get Fired Up!

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**According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it.**

**~1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:10 (NASB)**

## **1) The Foundation Of Our Lives**

- A) After encouraging those who are following Jesus Christ to “grow up” and start eating “solid food” (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:1-2), the conversation shifts to an extended metaphor about building (3:9-10).**
  
- B) We will explore the ultimate culmination of this building metaphor in which Christians are “living temples,” next week (3:16-17). As we begin though, we must ask -- where does God’s building program begin?**
  
- C) Clearly, it is God’s grace (which provides salvation, Ephesians 2:8-9) which provides the “foundation” (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:10) of Jesus Christ for each of His followers (3:11).**

**D) While the foundation is Jesus, each follower of Christ is pictured as building on the foundation -- and is warned to build "carefully" (3:10).**

**E) While Paul introduced the church in Corinth to Jesus Christ as the foundation of faith in God, the thoughts, attitudes, and actions of each person builds the house of worship in response to (or on top of) the foundation.**

## **2) Investing Our Best In The Building**

**A) In building a temple to God, each person has a choice on what they will invest into their building materials. You can invest into things which will last, or into things which will not last (3:12).**

**B) Someday (probably an allusion to judgment), each person's building will be tested by fire (evaluated, 3:13). Each of us must walk through the fire to discover the value of our investment.**

**C) Those things accomplished in the flesh (wood, hay, straw) will be burned up and gone forever (3:15). While salvation is preserved, these will go into eternity "smelling of smoke."**

**D) Those things accomplished in the Spirit (gold, silver, precious stones) will last for eternity and be rewarded by God (3:14).**

**E) To invest anything other than the very best, knowing that your works will be disclosed and evaluated for reward, brings full circle the warning, "be careful how you build" (3:11-15).**