

Message Notes

"Getting your contractor license"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction - *"Two opportunites"*

Previously on 1st Corinthians Planting, Watering, and Watching it Grow

A slam at their past (1 Cor. 3:1-2a)
A slam at their present! (1 Cor 3:2b-4)
Who are these rock stars anyway?
(1 Cor 3:5)
Putting everything in perspective
(1 Cor. 3:6-9a)

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Warning - Major Analogy coming and going!! (1 Corinthians 3:9)

The apostle Paul - the expert builder!
(1 Corinthians 3:10)

Romans 15:20-22

The importance of the right foundation!
(1 Corinthians 3:11)

Ephesians 2:20
1 Peter 2:4-8
Matthew 16:15-18

Those who build WILL get their work tested by God!
(1 Corinthians 3:12-15)

Application - *"How you gonna build?"*

1 Corinthians 3:9-15

⁹For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. ¹⁰By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. ¹⁴If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. ¹⁵If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

Romans 15:20-22

²⁰It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation. ²¹Rather, as it is written:

"Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand." [Isaiah 52:15]

²²This is why I have often been hindered from coming to you.

Ephesians 2:20

¹⁹Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

1 Peter 2:4-8

⁴As you come to him, the living Stone — rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him — ⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For in Scripture it says:

"See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." [Isaiah 28:16]

⁷Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

"The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone," [Psalm 118:22]

⁸and,

"A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." [Isaiah 8:14]

They stumble because they disobey the message — which is also what they were destined for.