

# God's Builders

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: I Corinthians 3:10-17.
- B. The church is a living building.

## II. The church is a strange building.

- A. It is not made of stone, wood or glass—it is made of people.
- B. It consists of an invisible union of visible people.
- C. The church is universal but also small communities.
- D. Every individual is a church as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

## III. Elements of the church.

A. The foundation is Christ, which consists of the Scriptures. God is the builder and Paul is the master contractor.

- 1. The purpose of a foundation is to build upon.
- 2. Other teachers build upon each other.
- 3. We disciple each other.
- 4. Each person has an influence on one another.

B. The material that is used to build.

- 1. Precious stones not easily destroyed—this is the secret and hidden wisdom of God.
- 2. Wood, hay and stubble in contrast are temporary.
  - a. Speculations of men easily form into the philosophy of life in regards to our identity.
  - b. God wants us to listen to Him for our identity—you can find yourself when you find God.
  - c. God's insights into relationships are what last.
- 3. We seek to be built with precious material because what we are made of will be tested.
- 4. Our reward for investing in permanent material will be joy.

**Application questions:**

1. Describe the church.

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2. Why is it not appropriate to say that one person is disciplined by another person according to the speaker? Explain.

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3. What material is the church to be built on? What are modern day examples of this material? Be specific.

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