

## WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////

This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your group.



### FOR DISCUSSION:

1. How would you explain the first few chapters of 1 Corinthians?
2. What is the overarching concern of Paul in this section of Scripture?
3. Why did Paul list the building materials and what did you learn about them?
4. Why is Paul focusing on the Temple?
5. What application can you take away from this study?

### SCRIPTURES

1Cor. 3:9 *For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.*  
1Cor. 3:10 *By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. 11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 13 their 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 person's work. 14 If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. 15 If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.*  
1Cor. 3:16 *Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.*

## LEARNING WITH PICTURES



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### TWO LESSONS FOR THIS SERIES

1. It is said that “a picture is worth a thousand words,” and Paul uses that idea to SHARE his message in chapter 3.
2. The focus is that God BUILDS the church and that His people need to work toward MATURITY.

### LET'S REVIEW

1. The Apostle Paul lived in Corinth for 18 months on his SECOND missionary journey. Several years later, after hearing of some CONFLICT in the church, he wrote this letter to them.
2. He began by reminding the people of the blessings of knowing Christ: GRACE, GIFTS and GLORY.
3. The purpose of this letter was to correct at least TEN spiritually unhealthy lifestyle PATTERNS — the first being divisions.
4. In chapter 3, Paul uses WORD pictures. (*Babies, Follow the Leader, A Garden, A Building, A Bonfire, A Temple & Wise vs. Fools*)
5. He also explains how he perceives these people: NATURAL (ψυχικός, psychikos); CARNAL (σαρκικός, sarkikos); and SPIRITUAL (πνευματικός, pneumatikos).

6. In this passage Paul gets specific about church divisions and what happens to GOOD builders, POOR builders and even destroyers.

### THE BUILDERS

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1. The metaphor changes from BABIES and leaders to buildings and BUILDERS.

a. Note that it also changes from SPECIFIC people (Paul and Apollos) to UNNAMED people (someone else, no one, anyone, each person, the builder).

b. Apparently, there are other “leaders” who are using the “WISDOM” (sophia) Paul talked about in the preceding chapter. Without naming them specifically Paul is encouraging caution and DISCERNMENT.

2. Paul was given a GIFT (grace, charis, χάρις) as a WISE builder (architektōn, ἀρχιτέκτων) to lay a FOUNDATION. This kind of architect would DESIGN and build.

3. The FOUNDATION was Jesus Christ and that has been done, ONCE for all, and no other foundation will WORK.

4. Now someone else (after Apollos) is BUILDING upon the foundation that Paul laid. But anyone who builds should “build with CARE.”

5. There are many KINDS of building materials: gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay and straw. Each of these building materials will be TESTED by fire. On that Day, we will know what every builder has TRULY accomplished.

6. For the person who builds with LASTING materials (gold, silver, costly stones) there will be a REWARD.

7. For the builder who uses POOR material (wood, hay and straw) the reward will be LOST. The person still has the gift of SALVATION, but only as a “*stick snatched from the fire.*”

*Amos 4:11 . . . You were like a burning stick snatched from the fire, yet you have not returned to me,” declares the LORD.*

### THE DESTROYERS

1Cor. 3:16 *Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.*

1. “Don’t you KNOW” is a phrase that Paul often uses for emphasis. It is used TEN times in this letter. (3:16; 5:6; 6:2, 3, 9, 15, 16, 19; 9:13, 24.)

2. Paul explains the TYPE of building they are — God’s TEMPLE. (The Temple in Corinth)

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3. When God’s people are together as the CHURCH (Temple), the Holy Spirit is AMONG them and they are the TRUE church.

4. But WOE to the person who seeks to DESTROY the Church because God’s “Temple” is SACRED. That person can expect to be DESTROYED.

5. The Corinthians are REMINDED one more time that when they are TOGETHER they are GOD’S Temple (church).

### THE APPLICATION

1. Sometimes people talk about being a Christian and not NEEDING to be a part of a church or even ATTEND church. However, this passage indicates the power of a UNITED church and the presence of God in a GATHERED church.

2. The study of building materials should make all believers ASK the question about which materials they are using. *How can I KNOW what materials I'm using?*

a. Your HEART

b. Your MOTIVE

3. What kind of materials are you using to build your MARRIAGE or to build a relationship with your CHILDREN?