

1 Corinthians 09 – 3:12-13

Different Sorts of Work

1. 3:10-11 – Building on a Pauline Foundation

- a. We are to build upon Jesus Christ according to... Eph 3:1-2, Rom 15:15, 16:25
- b. The church of the twelve is built upon the rock of Christ – Mat 16:16, 1 Pet 2:5
- c. Paul is not building on another man's foundation: Rom 15:20, 1Cor 9:17, Gal 2:6-9
- d. The building is the house of God; the pillar and ground of the truth 1 Tim 3:15
- e. The building is constructed by heeding Paul's pattern of Christ. 1Tim 1:15-16

2. 3:12-13 – The Judgment of God's Edifice

- a. A spiritual judgment of a spiritual building over spiritual things: 1Cor 2:14, 4:5
- b. It is a judgment of ministry work ("if any man build") – 1 Cor 3:8, 12
- c. The foundation of the work is laid by the masterbuilder – 1 Cor 3:10, Rom 2:16
- d. It is based on sort of work; the sorts are Biblically defined – 1 Cor 3:13, 2 Tim 2:5
- e. All in the body will stand before the judgment – Rom 14:10-13, 2 Cor 5:10
- f. We are manifest to God, accountable to him – 2 Cor 5:11,15, 1 Cor 4:5, Heb 4:13

3. Defining Sorts of Work

- a. "take heed how he builds" according to Paul's foundation – 1 Cor 3:10, 14:12
- b. The doctrines from other dispensations are vain - 1 Tim 1:4-7
- c. Good sort: endures fire – Gold is faithful, silver is pure, jewels are honourable
- d. Think on these things: 2 Tim 4:8, Phil 4:1, 4:8, 1 Thess 2:19
- e. Wood as strife: a small spark makes it burn – Prov 26:20-21, 1 Cor 3:3
- f. Hay: dead grass; like glorying in men – Prov 27:24-25, Isa 40:5-8, 1 Cor 3:21
- g. Stubble made work vain – Isa 40:24, 47:10-14, Exo 5:10-13, Gal 2:2, 1Thess 3:5
- h. Avoid the wood, hay, stubble (strife, profanity, and vanity) – 2 Tim 2:14-21