

Building the Church  
1 Corinthians 3:10-15

# church

3 unchanging commitments in the work of building the church...

I. We build the church with God's \_\_\_\_\_. (10a)  
*10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it.*

A) grace of God -

B) like skilled master builder -



II. We build the church on \_\_\_\_\_. (10b-11)  
*Let each one take care how he builds upon it. 11 For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

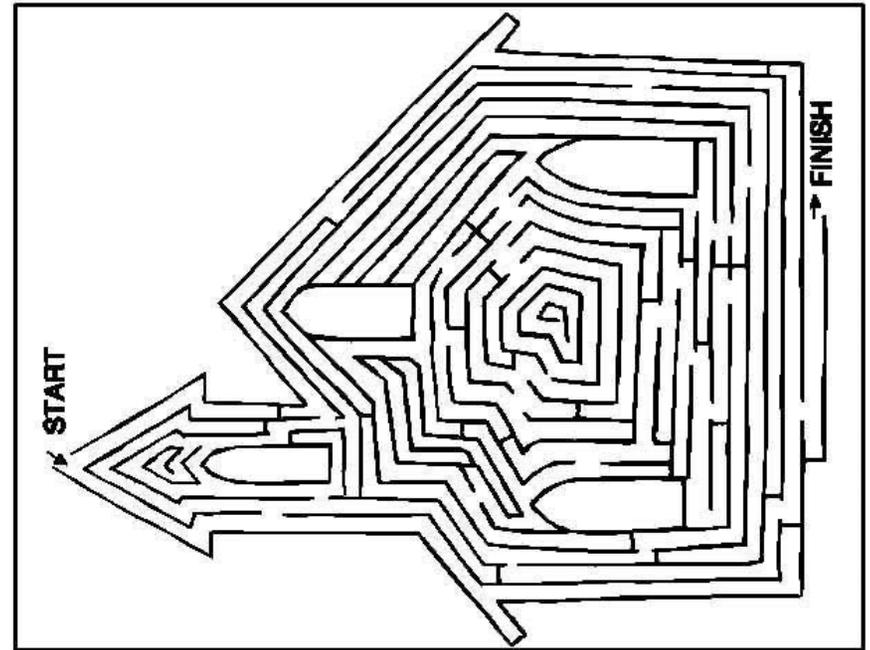
A) take care -

B) Jesus Christ is the foundation laid -

III. We build the church to withstand \_\_\_\_\_. (12-15)  
*12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— 13 each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.*

A) materials disclosed by the Day -

B) reward -



| The Construction Metaphor in 1 Corinthians 3:9-15 (from Andy Naselli) |  |  |
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|   | Image  | Topic  |
| 1   | A building (9c)  | The Corinthian church  |
| 2   | The building belongs to God (9c)   | The Corinthians church belongs to God  |
| 3   | A skilled master builder lays a foundation (10a)   | Paul wisely founded the Corinthian church upon the Gospel of a crucified Messiah   |
| 4   | Later builders further build on the foundation (10b)   | Others later taught the Corinthian church  |
| 5   | Each builder must take care how he builds upon the foundation (10c)  | Church leaders just take care how they build upon a church's gospel foundation   |
| 6   | Later builders can build with high-quality nonflammable materials (12a)  | Church teachers can build God's church consistent with its foundation of a crucified Messiah   |
| 7   | Later builders can build with low-quality flammable materials (12b)  | Church teachers can build God's church inconsistent with its foundation of a crucified Messiah - in a way that reflects the worldly wisdom of this age |
| 8   | Fire will test and reveal the quality of the building (13)   | God will disclose the quality of how church teachers have built churches   |
| 9   | A builder whose building survives a fire will receive a reward (14)  | God will reward church teachers who build with the right materials   |
| 10  | A builder whose building does not survive a fire will suffer loss, but he himself will survive though only as one escaping through the flames (15) | God will not reward church teachers who build with the wrong materials, though he will save them from eternal judgment                                 |