

1 Corinthians 3:10-17

Take heed how you build



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1 Corinthians 3:8: “Each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.”

Revelation 22:12: “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.”

Acts 1:10-11: “And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go to into heaven.’”

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1 Corinthians 3:10-11: “According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”



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Romans 15:20: “And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man’s foundation.”

1 Corinthians 15:10: “But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”

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1 Corinthians 12:7: “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all ...”



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Matthew 16:13-18: “He was asking his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock, I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.’”



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Acts 4:10-12: “Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, who you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone. Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

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1 Corinthians 3:12-13: “Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is.”

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Motive for your actions (1 Corinthians 4:5): “Therefore, judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one’s praise will come from God.”

Conduct (2 Corinthians 5:10): “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

Service to Him (Matt 25:23,26-27): “His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things.’” vv. 26-27: “But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.’”

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1 Corinthians 3:14-15: “If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”



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Judgment of sin (done at the cross)

Judgment of Israel (Ezekiel 20)

Judgment of the unbelieving nations (Matthew 25)

Judgment of Satan and his angels (Jude 6)

Judgment of unbelievers (Revelation 20)



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1 Corinthians 9: incorruptible crown for the obedient

2 Timothy 4:8: crown of righteousness for the faithful to Jesus

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20: crown of rejoicing for those who win souls

1 Peter 5:14: crown of glory to faithful elders

James 1:12: crown of life to all who loved him sacrificially



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Revelation 4:4: “Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.”

Revelation 4:10: “the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, ‘You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for you created all things, and by your will they exist and were created.’”



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Revelation 3:11: “Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.”

Philippians 2:18: “Let no one cheat you of your reward ...”



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1 Corinthians 3:16-17: “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.”

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Leviticus 15:31: “Thus you shall separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness, lest they die in their uncleanness when they defile My tabernacle that is among them.”

Numbers 19:20: “But the man who is unclean and does not purify himself, that person shall be cut off from among the assembly, because he has defiled the sanctuary of the Lord.”

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Ephesians 5:15-16: “Therefore, be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil.”

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