

# TAKE HEED HOW YE BUILD

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*“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. 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. 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.” {1 Corinthians 3:10-15}*  
Yes, one must be very careful how they build their spiritual house. Proper building requires:

**Have the right plan.** *“Then Peter opened his mouth and said: “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.” {Acts 10:34,35}* First and foremost we must be sure we are using the right plan for our building. Only the truth of God’s word can give the builder accurate and right information in erecting his spiritual house. Faulty information will make the building faulty and it will crumble!

**Have a good plan.** *“As I urged you when I went into Macedonia--remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine, nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith.” {1 Timothy 1:3,4}* Don’t try and “cut corners.” Examine and test your plan to see if it’s a good plan. Do not accept something that appears to be easier and takes less effort. In the long run it will prove to be a very bad plan! Please read *Galatians 1:6-9* and *2 John 9-11*.

**Consider the cost.** *“For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it --lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ {Luke 14:28-30}* Yes, every good builder must take into consideration the cost of what they are constructing. This spiritual house is going to cost you something – time, effort, commitment and yes maybe even your money! Consider the value of what you are undertaking. *“Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” {Matthew 16:24-26}*

**Use good materials.** *“Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.” {Galatians 5:19-21}* Such conduct will not allow you to build the type of house that will have lasting and “eternal” quality. Personally speaking, I would consider the “fruits of the Spirit,” *Galatians 5:22,23*. Christians who seek to build their “house” with cheap and shoddy materials will learn that when the “storms of life” beat upon it, it will surely crumble!

Dear reader, are you building a strong spiritual house? Are we building for the future or simply building for the present? Maybe we need to take inventory of our building! \*\*\*