

Build Your Life

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REVIEW LAST WEEK'S NEXT STEPS

What, if any, next step did you commit to last week, how did it go?

- I will discover and use my spiritual gifts to serve Jesus and his church.
- I will make room for the fruit of the Spirit to grow in my life this week.
- I will invite the Spirit to dwell in my life this week.
- I will make this week an adventure with the Spirit of God, power of another kind.

SERMON SUMMARY

Pastor Matt's sermon "Build Your Life" emphasizes the importance of building our character each day through choices. Using biblical references, he contrasts living for worldly pursuits with living a life centered on humility, love, and faith in Jesus.

The sermon urges listeners to choose quality spiritual materials to build their lives, with Jesus Christ as the foundation for enduring strength. Reflecting on our inner life and commitment to Christ is crucial in the construction of a life that can withstand life's trials.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some examples of materials we use to build our lives, both good and bad? What materials are you currently using to build your life, and what can you do to improve the quality of those materials?
2. Why is it important to build our lives on the foundation of Jesus Christ? How can you make Jesus the foundation of your life, and what changes can you make in your daily life to reflect this choice?
3. How does Paul's alternative pattern of humility, self-giving love, and death to ego contrast with the cultural norms of Corinth? In what ways are you unconsciously following world's pattern, and how can you integrate Paul's alternative approach into your life?
4. In 1 Corinthians 3:9-17, what does it mean to be called 'God's field' and 'God's building'? How can you align your life to become a better 'field' and 'building' for God and His purposes?

5. What practical steps can we take to ensure we're building our lives on the right foundation and with the right materials? Reflect on your own life, and identify areas that need improvement in order to build your life on the right foundation and with the right materials.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

- 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Next Steps

- I will build my life on the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace) found in Galatians 5.
- I will make Jesus Christ the foundation of my life.
- I will get baptized as a symbol of that commitment.

Prayer Request(s)

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