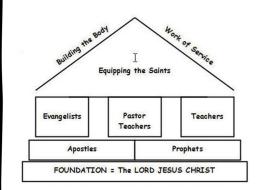
### **IMPLICATIONS**

God always intended for His building (**people**) to be international, multilingual and **multiethnic** (Acts 2). Our **future** in God is also multiracial, colorful and culturally diverse (Revelation 7:9-12). The way forward is <u>not</u> equality but **servanthood** (John 13:1-7; Philippians 2:1-11).

### **APPLICATIONS**

God will complete His building work in you! His building process is perfect, hard, dirty, wonderful, ongoing. The building is for Him - not me. God speaks to: Economics (Pr. 22:7),
Medicine (Pr. 23:2), Sociology (Mk. 12:30,31)... God's working around the world with every race and tribe. We love our diverse leaders and those in His house who are different to me.

## Workin' on a B U I L D I N G



### REVIEW

God's is shaping us into a house of worship. 1) We build on Jesus, our **foundation**; 2) using the Bible as our **material** and 3) **laboring** humbly/skillfully. 4) God will **judge** my efforts and motivations. I must not neglect, abuse or attack God's people (building). 5) Messiah is **held** by God. We're **held** by Messiah. He's given us everything us need to serve Him for **His glory!** 

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### Workin' on a BUILDING

I Corinthians 3:9,10

Folks who felt like God was <u>NOT</u> "Working on a Building": Hagar, Naomi, Joseph, Moses... <u>YOU</u> when you were: abandoned, grieving, sold out, your ministry failed, revolt...

### I Corinthians 3:9-23

<sup>9</sup> For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> For no other <u>foundation</u> can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if anyone <u>builds on this foundation with</u> gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, <sup>13</sup> <u>each one's work</u> 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. <sup>14</sup> If anyone's work which he has built

on it endures, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that **you are the temple of God** and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are. — <sup>18</sup> Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. <sup>19</sup> For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their own craftiness"; <sup>20</sup> and again, "The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." <sup>21</sup> Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours: <sup>22</sup> whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come - all are yours. <sup>23</sup> And you are Christ's, and Christ is God's. NKJV



# God's Building

I Cor. 3:11

v9 God is Doing This!

- \* God is the Architect.
- \* We labor with Him.

\* Church is the product

v10 Apostles started it

\* We're Warned v11 JESUS: Foundation

### His Building MATERIALS

There are two kinds of construction products: 1) **Eternal** (Stone)

2) **Temporary** (Straw)

What do Stone & Straw Represent? Mt 6:2 1) Eternal = <u>God's</u> glory & Apostles teaching 2) Temporary = <u>Man's</u> glory

### Good Building LABOR I Cor. 3:13-17

Two Judgements: 1) **Believers/**Bema: Rom 14:10-12; 2 Cor 5:10 2) **Un**believers/GWT: Rev. 20:11-15

v17 **How To Defile God's Temple**: 1) Neglect, 2) Abuse, 3) Unholy/shoddy labor

### How to FAIL

I Cor. 3:18-23

v18 **Self** Deception v19 **Worldly** Wisdom v20 **Futile** Thoughts v21 **Pride** in People

### How to <u>WIN</u>

v23 Glory in **God** v23 Glory in **Christ** v22 Glory in **His** World

