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**Go and make disciples!**

E-votional 16

## **Know How To Build**

1 Corinthians 3:12-15 (ESV)

*Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— 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. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.*

I had a good friend, some time ago, whom I asked this question, "don't you want more from God?" Let me share a little back story to help illuminate what I mean. We were talking about the gifts of the Spirit and how God uses them to reveal Himself to others. We got onto one in particular and for the sake of this teaching, it really does not matter which one. I remember sharing some of the biblical insights about it and how it is used to edify and encourage. He stopped me and said, "if I don't need it to be saved then I don't want it." This absolutely puzzled me and when I left the conversation I got alone with God in prayer about it. I wondered how anyone could be so callous about the things of God regardless of what they were. For me personally, when I read something in the Bible and it says that it is for me, I've got to say, I absolutely want it. I want it even though I don't understand it.

All of this has its relation to the chosen passage of Scripture, I assure you. It has its relation because, in the case of this friend, he was not willing in many ways to build on his foundation. I also wonder, is there any way that any of you can relate to this friend of mine? Or maybe you are just the opposite and this may not be for you.

However, I am sure if we are all honest, we will certainly all realize that there may be a little of this in each of us.

Now, what do we make of this? I will tell you if we outright reject anything from

God's Word just because we personally don't agree with it or are just satisfied with where we are at in our walk with God and His salvation. Then we can conclude that we, for one, may only be living for ourselves. And second, we may be simply limiting God and thereby putting a cap on what we allow for God to do with us thereby halting the construction of the building that we are in Christ. The Bible is very clear, that there is such a thing as a life that is only represented by things that can be burned away and there is one represented by materials that will outlast the fire.

In regards to your faith. Do you want a true faith with works to follow that can outlast the fiery testing? Or, will your faith and works be made from flimsy material that can be burned away? The choice is yours. Remember that God is so merciful, loving, and compassionate and loves it when His children simply take Him at His Word by faith and follow suit. God bless!

Heavenly Father, we do boldly come before you that this teaching might inspire and encourage each person just a little more into the things of You. Lord, You are so vast and wide and who can ever think that they can arrive at the end of You. Because of this, we pray that You would start a fire in our soul that burns for You. Let us only be found wanting the things that You want and remove any limitations that we may have put on You, in Jesus name. Amen.

In Christ's Love,  
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