

1 Corinthians 3:10-15 (March 13, 2022)

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

1. Paul uses the structural metaphor of a building in 1 Corinthians 3:9-11. What details and lessons are evident from these three verses?

2. What is the common message of 1 Corinthians 3:11, Matthew 7:24-27 and Luke 6:47-49?

3. Describe the two categories of materials used for building on the foundation that Paul addresses? Explain what they represent.

4. Reflect on the following verses while considering 1 Corinthians 3:14-15. Share what you think Paul is conveying about rewards and loss.

Matthew 6:1-6

Matthew 10:41-42

Romans 14:10

2 Corinthians 5:10

5. From this passage, how does Paul indicate that believers' works do not impact salvation (see also Romans 8:1 and Ephesians 2:8-10)?

6. "There are at least twenty-five times in the New Testament that we are told we will be rewarded according to our works. We don't get there by our works; we get there through the merit of Christ. What rewards we receive in heaven will be distributed according to the level of obedience and response we give to the mandates of Christ. So our lives will be evaluated, and some of us will get greater rewards than others as we are evaluated at the last judgement." (Now, That's A Good Question! p. 394 by R.C. Sproul)

In what ways does Sproul's' quote along with 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 impact your thinking as you choose your life objective?