

Saturday, September 3, 2022

Gift

Build, 1 Corinthians 14:12 & 26 pg. 960

Introduce self and series

- Do exercises.

Please turn to 1 Corinthians 14:12 & 26 pg. 960

Do you love for the church? "It was fine until you made us do P90X"

-As you are gaining your breathe back, take a minute and ask yourself, BE HONEST, **How's your love for the church?**

-True Love is a decision. Long time married couples get it. We all woke up one day when the visceral love you once had is not there, and you chose to love. It's similar to the church. Repeat question (Pause)

You're trying hard to not show it, but baby. Baby I know it. You lost that loving feeling.

You might be asking, What does this have to do with spiritual gifts. And why did we exercise? I'll get to that...

Your gifts will be locked until your love for the church is rekindled.

-Why? Because **Gifts are for the BUILDING UP of the Church.**

Read 1 Corinthians 14:12

You are built to build.

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will BUILD my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matthew 16:15-16 & 18

The Christ came to BUILD his Church! We align our purpose with Christ!

Why? Because it's who he created us to be.

1. You are built → Gospel → Identity in Christ → New Purpose

For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

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.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?
1 Corinthians 3:9-16

You are built

you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:5

You are built

It's who you are! It's what God is doing right now through his Spirit!!!

What are we built for? To build God's Church!

You are built to build!

What are we called to build? What God is building! HIS CHURCH!

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, Ephesians 4:11-12

"The individual Christian contributes to the building and upbuilding because this is ultimately the true work of God..." Theological dictionary of the New Testament

What does he give us to build with? Gifts.

-It's not like a Christmas gift. Open gift with hammer.

-The only way this would be a blessing is if my goal is to build something!

It's not a gift for you, it's for you to build the church!

-That's one of the reasons why gifts get so distorted

You are built to build!

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. Romans 12:3

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace 1 Peter 4:10

You are built to build!

Application

1. I will rekindle my love for the church
2. I will know why I was built
3. I will build the church

Read 1 Corinthians 12:26