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1 Corinthians 3:9-23, 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Have you ever thought of your life as a building project? That's how the apostle Paul describes it. Although He is specifically referring to the church as a whole, the principles in today's passage also apply to our personal life. But unlike a physical structure that is visible, this one is spiritual, and as such, the quality of the building materials are not immediately discernible. However, there will come a day when the Lord will evaluate what we have built on the foundation of Christ.

None of us want to get to heaven and find out we've used materials that have no value in eternity and will go up in a puff of smoke. Although in our sinful human condition we can't know exactly how God will evaluate our life, there are some guidelines in Scripture to help us live in a manner worthy of Christ's reward.

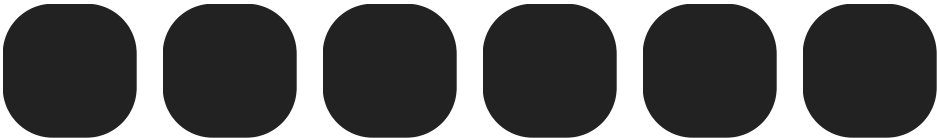
If we use worldly wisdom to build our life, we will be disappointed. Paul says we are deceiving ourselves if we think that the wisdom, values, pursuits, and ambitions derived from a world ruled by Satan can be used to accomplish God's will. Reliance on anything other than the Word and Spirit of God is wasted effort. Instead, we should make it our ambition to be faithful stewards of all God gives us and to live with a clear conscience.

Are you living as God desires—turning from sin and progressing in holiness. Does His Word fill your mind and shape your thoughts, behavior, and attitudes? Are you yielding to the Holy Spirit so He can produce His fruit in you? Each day is an opportunity to build for eternity.

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