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1 Corinthians 3:10-15

THE GRACE OF GOD

1. It is by grace that we are saved Eph 2:8

2. It is by grace that we serve the Lord 1 Cor 3:10a

A WISE MASTER BUILDER

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1. A master builder

This is the translation from the Greek word (architekton) (an architect)

2. Paul's focus was to lay the foundation

3. Others would then build on it

4. Pioneering church planting work

a) Laying the foundation a top priority

b) We establish a foundation on the Lord Jesus as bed rock (Matthew 7)

5. Building on the foundation

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1 Corinthians 3:12-15

a) Two types of material

i) Gold, silver, precious stones

ii) Wood, hay, straw

b) The works would be tested and revealed by fire

RESULTS

1. The work endures

The worker is rewarded

2. The work is burnt up

The worker suffers loss

3. But he does not lose his salvation

Just his reward

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To build well
2. To follow the example of the Apostle Paul
3. To prepare for the day of being tested by fire