Build The Temple Part #1

Tony Mauck · 1 Corinthians 3:16–17

INTRODUCTION

- To more consistently imitate Christ and obey him in every respect.
- What is that goal? I would define it this way to carry out specific instruction given to the corporate body and express discipleship in an atmosphere of encouragement and support.
- The first objective is for us to have realistic expectations about growth. Number two, to be patient as that growth occurs. And number three, to be personally responsible.

1 Growth Occurs in God's Time

Galatians 1; Acts 7

- If all of us have a goal to be like Christ, I can't do that for Ed, and he can't do that for me.
- But growth takes time. Progress occurs over time.
- What happened in those three years? It was a lot of personal reflection about where he had been.
- Moses was ready when he was 40. God wasn't ready for Moses until he was 80.

2 You Are a Temple of God

1 Corinthians 3:16–17

- Do you not know? That you are a temple of God. And that the Spirit of God dwells in you.
- For the temple of God is holy. And that is what you are.
- Individually as members of it. You are the temple of God.
- You join yourself to the Lord, you're his temple, you're the place of his dwelling. What kind of place does that need to be? Holy and pure, flee immorality.
- You are not your own, for you have been bought with the price. Therefore, glorify God in your body.

3 Cleanse Ourselves From All Defilement

2 Corinthians 6; 1 Thessalonians 5:22

- What agreement has the temple of God with idols?
- Do not touch what is unclean. The unclean wasn't allowed in the temple.
- Let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit. Perfecting holiness in the fear of God.
- Because we are the temple of God, we must maintain our purity.

4 Growing Into a Holy Temple in the Lord

Ephesians 2:19–22; Philippians 3

- Well, we used to not be God's temple. We were strangers.
- Christ Jesus, the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together and growing, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord.
- While this message changes us and molds us and shapes our very lives, we become this glorious, growing habitation.
- What all of that says is Paul says, I'm not done growing.
- The temple of God must never get comfortable with where we are.

5 Stay Focused on Jesus Christ

Hebrews 12:2; 1 Peter 3:15; Ephesians 2

- As the temple of God, as we build the temple, we have to stay focused on Jesus Christ.
- We can call ourselves Christians because we are dedicated to him. We sanctify Christ as Lord in our hearts.
- Jesus is the reigning king and the reigning Lord. And that changed everything for Saul of Tarsus, and it needs to change everything for you and for me.
- Jesus is the chief cornerstone. It's all about him and revolves around him.

THE CHALLENGE

And that each of us would walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we have been called. Ephesians chapter 4 and verse 1. Have you responded to the risen Christ?

MY NOTES