

BUILD TODAY, INVEST ETERNALLY

1 Corinthians 3:9-15

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SERMON APPLICATION REVIEW

How did you seek God first?

How did you step into your role as a “servant” (3:5)?

How did you trust God for growth (3:6-7)?

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 3:9–15; Matthew 7:24–27; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10–12
Luke 19:11–27; Matthew 16:27; Revelation 22:12

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. How do you see the role of the local church in God’s plan? When are you tempted to be critical or pessimistic about the church? How can you shift your attitude, words, and actions to reflect God’s love for His church? Are you actively participating and serving at CBC? How can you deepen your involvement during Sow to Reap?
2. How is your life and your giving rooted in Christ as the foundation? What does living and giving on this foundation look like in your daily life? Where might you be tempted to compromise in your priorities? How can you realign them with Christ’s purposes?
3. When have you served or given with “gold, silver, precious stones”—lasting contributions of eternal value? When have you relied on “wood, hay, straw”—temporary or half-hearted efforts? How can you invest your time, energy, and resources in ways that build lasting value for God’s kingdom through CBC?
4. If Jesus returned today, would you feel prepared to give an account of your life, your stewardship, and your generosity? How can you live and give with greater anticipation and joy as you await Christ’s return (2 Tim 4:8)?
5. Which of your works or missed opportunities may not endure in eternity? Which acts of faithfulness and generosity will stand the test of time? What practical steps can you take to ensure more of your life’s work lasts for God’s glory?

RECOMMENDED READING

Randy Alcorn, *The Law of Rewards* (Tyndale, 2003)

Paul N. Benware, *The Believer’s Payday* (AMG, 2002)

Kent Crockett, *Making Today Count for Eternity* (Multnomah, 2001)

R. T. Kendall, *The Judgment Seat of Christ* (Christian Focus, 2004)

Erwin W. Lutzer, *Your Eternal Reward: Triumph and Tears at the Judgment Seat of Christ* (Moody, 1998)