



Whatever we build on that foundation will be tested by fire on the day of judgment. Then everyone will find out if we have used gold, silver, and precious stones, or wood, hay, and straw. *1 Corinthians 3:13–14 CEV*

eternal materials that build a legacy

1. _____

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God stands forever. *Isaiah 40:8 NIV*

But everyone who hears **these words of mine** and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who **built his house on sand**. *Matthew 7:26 NIV*

2. _____

But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God. *Luke 12:20–21 NIV*

But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. *Matthew 6:20 NIV*

And if anyone gives even a **cup of cold water** to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person **will certainly not lose their reward**. *Matthew 10:42 NIV*

3. _____

Three things will **last forever** — faith, hope, and love — and **the greatest of these is love**. *1 Corinthians 13:13 NLT*

4. _____

[Jesus said,] "...upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it." *Matthew 16:18b NIV*

daily meditations

monday

Read 1 Corinthians 3:10–15. In these verses, Paul is writing specifically about the church: We need to build on the foundation of Jesus Christ, on His grace and His life, not on the weak foundations of mere human philosophy, or even mere good intentions or good deeds. Of course, his principle applies not only to the church, but to all of life. Look back at your notes: What are the “lasting materials” talked about in the weekend message?

Which of these are you strongest in? Where do you need to grow?

How will you specifically build with “quality material” this week?

Ask God to show you where you need to grow, and where you are strongest in these four areas. Ask Him to help you use quality eternal building material in your life!

tuesday

Read Matthew 7:24–27. It’s so easy to build on the wrong foundation. Even Christians can base their lives on values imported from the culture. What “false foundations” have at times held appeal for you?

- Pleasure
- Fame
- Current cultural values
- Teachings I have learned that are contrary to Christ’s
- Other: _____
- Comfort
- What others say or think about me
- Possessions / Money / Nice, comfortable house

Since this is at the end of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus is referring specifically to the words he just spoke. They are in your Bible in Matthew chapters 5, 6 and 7. Skim through those chapters now. Which teachings of Christ in those chapters catch your attention?

Ask God to help you develop strong convictions based on the rock of Jesus’ teachings and not the whims of society or culture.

wednesday

Read Matthew 6:19–24. Why does Jesus say we should not store up treasures on earth?

How can you store up treasure for yourself in heaven?

What do verses 22–23 mean in relation to this?

Read Matthew 10:42. If you will get a reward for even an act as small as giving a cup of cold water, what are some other things that you do regularly that you will be rewarded for?

Pray for opportunities today to focus on acts that will bring you reward in heaven.

thursday

Read Luke 12:13–21. In response to the man’s request, Jesus tells a parable. What does this tell you about the man’s real problem?

In your own words, what is the punch line to the parable?

It’s interesting that God actually does not condemn the man for being rich, nor making merry. What is the man’s mistake?

Most advertising is devoted to make us think verse 15 is wrong. What lifestyle differences would result if someone believed Jesus rather than the ads?

Think of your life as planning an “investment portfolio” to become “rich toward God.” What are your strategies this week? This year?

Pray: Lord, I want my life to count for eternity. Show me how to invest my life better as I go about my days.

friday

Read 1 Corinthians 13. If you are very familiar with these verses, try reading them in a version unfamiliar to you. You can find various translations at www.biblegateway.org.

If love lasts forever, then how have you used this eternal “building material” today?

How will you love others more this week?

Ask God to help you love more today — in His power!

saturday

Finish up any devotions you may have missed. Meditate on the memory verse, Please pray for the services this weekend.



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Matthew 6:20 NIV