

Build It; Don't Wreck It

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1 Corinthians 3:1-9

I watched with fascination as the old sanctuary of our church in Richardson, Texas, was demolished. We were in the process of constructing new facilities, and the old, tired building was no longer useful. The upkeep required was not worth the effort or the expense.

What struck me was that the old structure was demolished and hauled away in less than a day. What stood before us in the morning was gone by evening. What was constructed in its place took 18 months of arduous and detailed construction.

Paul was aware of the ease with which the church, not the building but the people, the dwelling place of the Spirit, could be destroyed. And he warned them that it was a dangerous thing to destroy God's temple!

When the church, the people of God, are built together on the right foundation, they can endure the winds of stress and opposition. That foundation, says Paul, is none other than Jesus Christ himself. Whatever we do, we must not wreck or weaken the church of Jesus Christ. We must build well on the "Cornerstone" because it all belongs to Him!

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