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FOUNDATIONS

My late husband was a builder and very precise in what he made. One year he contracted to build a 7-Eleven. He hired a crew to put up the cement block walls. I stopped by to see him and saw with just eye contact that the wall was crooked and not "on the level." It was not going to work. He made the men tear it down and start over, because if the foundation walls were crooked the building would be crooked.

We must make sure our spiritual foundations are "on the level" also. So, how do we do this? In 1 Corinthians 3:11 it says, ***"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."*** There had been some issues at Corinth over Apollos and Paul. Some thought one was better than the other. Paul set them straight when he told them that Jesus was the only foundation to build upon.

So, the first step is to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Then we build upon that foundation. 1 Corinthians 3:12 says, ***"Now, if any man build upon this foundation (Jesus Christ) gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;"***

So, we see there are six categories that are built on that foundation: gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble. Gold, silver, and precious stones are lasting, but wood, hay and stubble will be tried by the fire and be burned up.

You can have a sure foundation in Christ, but that isn't where it ends. We are to do good works, and good deeds. These do not provide salvation but come after salvation. Like a loving wife wants to do things that please her husband, we do the same for Jesus Christ. Works that give us adoration will be burned. Works that give the glory to God will be lasting. (1 Corinthians 3:14-15.)

Be careful when you build. Make sure your foundation is sure and live like Jesus is coming back today but work like you have a thousand years. Your life will be rewarded because you built on the sure foundation which is Jesus Christ.