



Do Something That Matters for Eternity

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Prior to our move to Springfield, Missouri, my wife and I looked for a home. A decision was made to purchase a brand-new home. My realtor asked if we would like to have a home inspection as a condition to our purchase of the new home. I said, “It is a brand-new home. Surely, there is nothing wrong with it. Besides won’t that cost money?” Her reply was, “It is totally up to you. However, even new homes can need some repair. It is usually around \$350, but it could be the best money you spent.” We heeded her advice and asked for a home inspection. The date was set for the inspection and two days passed before we received our report. Frankly, I was not expecting much of a report. When we received the report, I was surprised to discover it was thirty pages and full of items that needed attention. On one page was a list of six major items that would be the bare minimum required to bring the house to code. After reflecting on the money that we spent in comparison to the items in need of repair, we concluded that having an unbiased person looking over a large investment for any potential flaws was in fact money well spent.

In a similar way, one day we will all face a “final Inspection.” But this final inspection will not come from a home inspector, a boss, or a professor. The final inspection at the end of life will come from God.

COURAGE

C1: What comes to your mind when you hear the words “final inspection?”

C2: Why is doing something for eternity important?

C3: Read and answer the following.

1 Corinthians 3:9–11 (ESV) ⁹ For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building. ¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

- What is the Apostle Paul talking about in these verses?

- When Paul uses the phrase “God’s fellow workers” what does that mean to you?

STRENGTH

S1: Read and answer the following.

1 Corinthians 3:9-15 (ESV)

- From these verses, what are two key items needed to pass the final inspection?

S2: In the next thirty days, meet with three men and discuss some things people build their foundation on in their lives. How easy is it to find yourself building on the wrong foundation? Why do you think you do this? What did you learn from this conversation?

S3: Good works are important in our lives. However, they are not our foundation. Read and answer the following.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)

- What do these verses reveal to you about a proper foundation?
- If you have the eternal foundation of Jesus Christ, why would you ever want to build on a foundation with **temporal** materials? Why do you think we try to do this?
- On a scale of 1-4, with 1 being very strong and 4 being not very strong, rate yourself on how well your life is built on the foundation of Jesus Christ. How can you improve?

ENDURANCE

E1: Read and answer the following:

Matthew 7:24-27 (ESV)

- What can you learn from these verses?

- If God is the foundation (the rock the wise man built his house on), then what was the house made of? What are your thoughts?

E2: Read and answer the following:

1 Corinthians 3:12-15 (ESV)

- Why is what we build our life **with** important?

- What two things does Paul tell us we must build our lives with right now?

- What happens when you have the right foundation and you build with the right materials?

E3: Read and answer the following.

1 Corinthians 4:5 (ESV)

- From this verse, what can you discover about what our motive should be for our “final inspection?”



- Why do you think we underestimate the significance of seemingly insignificant service?