

The Table

1 Corinthians 3:10- By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

- Somebody say, “my table doesn't fit everywhere”.

John 2:14-15 “And He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

- I love the insight that the Savior didn't just go crazy, flipping over tables, but first took the time to make a scourge (whip). How long did that take?

- Jesus was in control of His emotions, even though He was greatly disappointed.
- This happened during Passover, and it was common for there to be between 300,000 – 400,000 people there for Passover. Jesus didn't modify his response because there was a large crowd.

Jesus wants to turn over some tables in our temple (us).

1. The table of comfort

1 Peter 5:8 - Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

1 Peter 4:7 The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.

2. The table of complacency

Proverbs 1:32 - For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them.

Proverbs 13:4 - The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.

3. The table of conforming

1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the

desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

2 Corinthians 6:14-17 **14** Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? **15** What harmony is there between Christ and Belial^[a]? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?**16** What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

“I will live with them
and walk among them,
and I will be their God,
and they will be my people.”^[b]

17 Therefore, “Come out from them
and be separate, says the Lord.
Touch no unclean thing,
and I will receive you.”