

Which virtue do you most need to develop?

Do you ever feel like the Christian life is just too hard? How have you worked through such times?

Look back in the sermon notes at 1 Corinthians 3:12-15. Will we all be the same in heaven? What kind of life now is like “gold, silver, and precious stones,” able to survive the scrutiny that will come in heaven.

REFLECT

Am I living as if it is enough just to get to heaven, or am I eagerly, gratefully working to develop godly character?

RESPOND

Take time to discuss with your group the virtue you want to work on growing. In which situations do you most need it? Identify an action step you will take this week. Get a partner to pray with about this in the meeting and through the next few weeks.



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Instructions for



:building a lasting legacy

Life is short, but a life lived for God will make an impact and have an effect far beyond its years on earth.

1 Corinthians 3:9-15 (page 781)

**We are each building our lives.
Are we paying attention?**

⁹ For we are God's co-workers; you are God's field, God's building. 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.

The Parable of the Rich Fool...Luke 12:16-21

**Only one foundation works.
Which one have we chosen?**

¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders...Matthew 7:24-27

Something as important and eternal as our lives can only be built on the foundation of the truth that comes from the One who created our lives.

The Day is coming. Are we built to last?

¹² If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward.

Things that last

Things that don't

Francis of Assisi

"Keep a clear eye toward life's end. Do not forget your purpose and destiny as God's creature. What you are in his sight is what you are and nothing more. Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing that you have received...but only what you have given; a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage."

The foundation remains. Will anything else?

¹⁵ If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

Joe Gibbs
Everybody's going to follow somebody. In football, it's the head coach. In NASCAR, it's the crew chief. In life, I believe it's God...God is in charge and His plan for your life can be found in the Bible.

Adding on to Our Firm Foundation

LIFE GROUP STUDY

RELATE

What home-improvement project is next in line at your place?

What principle, insight, or quote from the sermon was most meaningful to you?

READ

2 Peter 1:1-11

Peter urges believers to honor God's grace to them by working hard to build godly character.

How is working on our character the same as working on our home? How is it different?

What do the promises of God make possible? (v. 4)

If everything is given to us (v. 3), why do we need to add to our faith (v.5)?

What does God do for us, and what we must do for ourselves when it comes to adding to our faith?

What happens when we don't make every effort to develop these qualities? (v. 5, 8-9)

Which virtue is most developed in you? How did you develop it?