

Gifted

Build Up The Church – 1 Corinthians 14:1–12

Message Reflection Guide

The noted architect Frank Lloyd Wright said, *“The physician can bury his mistakes, but the architect can only advise his clients to plant vines. So architects should go as far as possible from home to build their first buildings.”*

The apostle Paul wrote the manual on church building programs. To the church in Corinth he wrote, “You are God’s building” (1 Cor. 3:9). He was not referring to the place but to the people themselves. Their church began when Paul laid the foundation—the truth about Christ. Then he urged the Corinthians to consider carefully how they would build on that foundation.

What we as believers build on the foundation will be tested by fire—not the fire of punishment for sin, which is hell, but the fire of judgment, which is disclosure (1 Cor. 3:15). Everyone without Christ will be punished, but every Christian will be judged for his works. The fire of judgment will reveal what was God-honoring and what was not. Good doctrine and righteous living are the solid stuff that will last. Everything else will go up in flames.

Conversation Starter

What is your favorite breakfast food?

Getting Into The Scriptures Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-12

Pastor Jason asked “What do you do? How are you using your God given gifts to build the church and bless your community?” How are you serving in the church and your community? How do those acts of service line up with the gifts that God has given you? Is there something different you would like to be doing?

Manifestations of the Spirit are designed to build. A builder needs the right tools in order to accomplish their job. What tools do you feel God has given you to serve in the church and community?

Manifestations of the Spirit are designed to strengthen. What do you perceive are your weaknesses and how do you need the Holy Spirits help to serve where you feel called?

Manifestations of the Spirit are designed to comfort. Who has been a comfort to you recently? In what ways has the Holy Spirit comforted you during difficult times?

Making It Real God has called each one of us to use our spiritual gifts and gifts of the Spirit to build up the church. What are your dreams for the church and how do you feel God would like to use you and your gifts to fulfill that dream?