

# **PRESSING ON**

## **LOOKING FORWARD TO REWARDING SERVICE**

*"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize?  
So run, that ye may obtain."*

*~ 1 Corinthians 9:24*

### **1. Ministry Review**

- a. We are in a service but not to ourselves. The church is in service to the Lord.
- b. Every one of us will be judged for our service to him - 1 Cor 3:13
- c. It's good to review what we are building, why, and how - before the time.

### **2. A Good Foundation**

- a. The Lord Jesus Christ is the foundation laid - 1 Cor 3:11 (6x lessons on Godhead)
- b. The Body is his workmanship, husbandry, building - 1 Cor 3:9, Eph 2:10, 4:4-6, 12
- c. We meet to serve together, improve workmanship, edify each other, show communion
- d. Paul, the masterbuilder of the mystery of Christ - 1 Cor 3:10 (salvation, godliness)
  - i. 5x chart lessons, 3x communion, 5x 'When...' series, 3x summer evangel lessons
  - ii. The point of rightly dividing the word is for godly service - 2 Tim 2:14-16

### **3. What We're Building**

- a. 1 Cor 3:12 – gold, silver, stones, wood, hay, stubble describe our work (not the reward)
- b. What we build concerns our work, doctrine, faith as it is formed in His Body - Gal 4:19
- c. Wood appears solid, but will burn; strife, causing division w/wrong doctrine
  - i. Strife must be removed, or it will burn sooner or later - Prov 26:20-21, 1 Cor 3:3
  - ii. 11x lessons – We are not grafted, Unknown Remnant (seminar + bonus)
- d. Hay is dead grass, easily withers, dry; Profane, man centered work, selfish doctrine.
  - i. Approved unto God - Prov 27:24-25, Isa 40:5-8, 1Cor 3:18-21, 2Co 10:12,17-18
  - ii. 7x lessons on Misunderstood ministry – not about a man, but service to the Lord
- e. Stubble is broken stalks, unstable under pressure; Vain work, unstable, lacking roots.
  - i. We must be established in the faith - Exo 5:10-13, Isa 40:24, Gal 2:2, Col 2:7
- f. Gold is a faithful standard; Faithfulness in doctrine and service - 1Pe 1:7, 2Ti 2:2, 1Ti 1:3
- g. Silver mentioned for purity, refined; Pure, uncompromised, work & doctrine Ps 12:6
- h. Precious stones are jewels, gems formed by withstanding tremendous pressure. Rom 5
  - i. Honorable, profitable, virtuous work shows real beauty - Prov 31:10, 1Th 2:13
  - ii. 4x spiritual gifts, 9x lessons on application to spiritual problems.
- i. It is not only about getting the doctrine right, but about how we continue in it.
- j. Anyone can build with temporary. It takes time, workmanship to build what lasts.
- k. Is our service faithful? Pure? Working out salvation? Living by the doctrine within us?

### **4. Looking Forward to Rewarding Service**

- a. We lost beloved saints last year to glory; we will miss them for their service.
- b. We will continue to work to be an example of godly ministry, application, doctrine.
- c. If our work abides (good material above) we receive a reward - 1 Cor 3:14
- d. We run motivated by the glory received when we hit the mark - 1 Cor 9:24-25
- e. We need improvement, evaluation helps to see, and so we will press on - Phi 3:13-14