

Construction Cautions

1 Corinthians 3:16-23 HCSB Don't you know that you are God's sanctuary and that the Spirit of God lives in you? (17) If anyone ruins God's sanctuary, God will ruin him; for God's sanctuary is holy, and that is what you are. (18) No one should deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks he is wise in this age, he must become foolish so that he can become wise. (19) For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God, since it is written: **He catches the wise in their craftiness--** (20) and again, **The Lord knows the reasonings of the wise, that they are futile.** (21) So no one should boast in men, for all things are yours: (22) whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come--all are yours, (23) and you belong to Christ, and Christ to God.

Introduction

- Genesis 11:4 HCSB And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky. Let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise, we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."
- Luke 12:20 HCSB "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is demanded of you. And the things you have prepared--whose will they be?'
- Hebrews 12:1 HCSB Therefore since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily ensnares us, and run with endurance the race that lies before us,

Main Body

1. Damaging behavior (vv.16-17) –
 - Romans 15:1-2 HCSB Now we who are strong have an obligation to bear the weaknesses of those without strength, and not to please ourselves. 2 Each one of us must please his neighbor for his good, in order to build him up.
 - Ephesians 4:11-13 HCSB And He personally gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 for the training of the saints in the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son, growing into a mature man with a stature measured by Christ's fullness.
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:11 HCSB Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing.
2. Deceptive attitudes (vv. 18-20) –
 - Romans 12:2 HCSB Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.
 - 1 Samuel 10:6 HCSB The Spirit of the LORD will control you, you will prophesy with them, and you will be transformed into a different person.
 - 2 Corinthians 3:18 HCSB We all, with unveiled faces, are reflecting the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory; this is from the Lord who is the Spirit.
3. Displaced devotions (vv. 21-23) –
 - Psalms 34:2 HCSB I will boast in the LORD; the humble will hear and be glad.
 - 1 Chronicles 16:10 HCSB Honor His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
 - 1 Corinthians 1:31 HCSB in order that, as it is written: The one who boasts must boast in the Lord.