



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through 1 Corinthians 3:10-23

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of all, thank You for Your grace that made the Apostle Paul a skilled and wise master builder upon You, the only true foundation of the world and the church, and the only true truth upon which we can build our lives, our families, and our churches. Thank You for giving us the honor, ability, and grace to build upon the foundation that is You and Your teachings so we can bring happiness to You and serve others. Please help us truly reveal Your teachings and way of life to others by all we say and do in every situation — whether we are facing good or bad situations. Please help us avoid being misled or misleading to others. Please help us pray, learn the Bible's teachings so well, and follow the Holy Spirit's leading so closely that we will build upon the foundation that is Jesus Christ according to Your will, and do so with gold, silver, and precious stones. Please help us avoid following the words and examples of those who are building with wood, hay, or stubble. Lord, if we build upon the foundation as You intend, we know that after we see You, the One who is our Greatest Reward, that You will reward us in other ways too. But Lord, please help us not to work and serve You simply for the possible variety of rewards we might receive from You. Please help us work because we love You, the Son of God and our Lord and Savior. Lord Jesus, we want to bring You true happiness when we teach, speak, and seek to serve others according to Your will. We pray for Your grace so we can serve others helpfully. As we read through Your Word daily and pray through Your Word, we ask that Your Word would take deep root within us. Show us how to love and serve You with materials that could be characterized as spiritual gold, silver, and precious stones. Please help us teach and build using good materials instead of wood, hay, or stubble that Your Good News might spread around the world. We pray and work that the world might know that the only true foundation is Jesus Christ and His word, for You are the only Way, Truth, and Life. All Truth and Life comes from and through You, so please help us build and do everything according to the leading of Your Spirit, the Spirit of Truth. And as we build our lives and influence others, please help us do so by sharing with them all the fruit of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. In Your Name, we pray. Amen.