

There are several passages in the NT that speak of building. Jesus did some building, the Pharisees did some building, and we are to do some building. Read and reflect on the following scriptures:

What not to be building:

1. A monument to a disgraceful past (Lk. 11:47,48).
2. Bigger barns to hold material goods instead of being rich toward God (Lk. 12:18).
3. Projects that we cannot finish (Lk. 14:28,30).

Jesus:

1. Built "the temple" in three days by His resurrection (Mk. 14:58).
2. Is building His church (Mt. 16:18).
3. Is building an eternal, heavenly house for us, in heaven (2Cor. 5:1; Jn.14:2,3).

We are to be building:

1. One another up in the faith (1Th. 5:11).
2. Up our faith in the grace of God (Ac. 20:32).
3. On the foundation of Christ by preaching the gospel (Rom. 15:20; 1Cor. 3:9,10).
4. Things that make for peace in the body (Rom. 14:19).
5. Our lives on the solid foundation of Christ (Lk. 6:48).
6. The church (Eph. 4:12,16).

Only three possibilities remain: 1) you are building the wrong things, 2) you are not building at all, or 3) you are building as God would have you to build. What are you building? How are you building?

See you Sunday! -gls