

Let's Work Together

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Introduction

1. 1 Corinthians 3:5-15
2. The work of the church takes time Luke 8:11-15; 1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18
 - a. Soil has to be prepared
 - b. Planting has to be done
 - c. Growing to maturity takes time
3. We live in a day when we want instant results, potatoes, puddings
4. Our passage this evening deals with these matters, so let us study them in light of God's Word.

II Discussion

1. The Watering 3:5-8
 - a. These men were "ministers" word is "diakonos"
 - i. Means – one who executes the commands of another
 - ii. Used 20 as minister, 8 X as servant; 3 X as deacon
 - b. They were promoting His purpose not their own 6-7
 - i. This is done through the church Ephesians 3:21; Jude 25
 - c. Our reward is based on our labors 1 Corinthians 15:58; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Colossians 3:24-24
 - i. This work will be manifested 3:13
 - ii. It is tried by fire 1 Peter 1:7
2. The Working 3:9-10
 - a. Two illustrations are used to show the work that is to be done
 - i. One is the field Matthew 13:3-9; 18-23; Luke 8:5-8; 11-15
 1. Planted Romans 6:5
 2. Rooted Ephesians 3:17; Colossians 1:23; 2:7
 - ii. The other is a building
 1. Ephesians 3:20-21
 2. A building must work together to give strength
 - b. All must be working together
 - i. The problem at Ai was that not all the people went Joshua 7:3; 8:1
 - ii. The wall around Jerusalem was built in 52 days because the people had a mind to work Nehemiah 4:6; 6:15
 - iii. The body is used as an illustration for this point 1 Corinthians 12:14-22 all are necessary
 - iv. Do not be a one talented man Matthew 25:14-30
3. The Warning 11-15
 - a. First warning is that of one foundation 3:11
 - i. There is only one foundation, or corner stone 1 Peter 2:4-9
 - ii. Jesus is the only way John 14:6; Matthew 7:13-14
 - b. There will be a day of reward 3:14
 - i. There is a Day in which we will stand before the Judge John 12:48; Acts 17:30-31; 2 Timothy 4:8
 - ii. There will be only two divisions of mankind Matthew 25:31-32
 - iii. We will receive our 'just recompense of reward' Hebrews 2:2

III. Conclusion

1. Let us resolve to work together
2. Let us work together with God

3. Let us always remember it is according to His purpose and for His glory
4. Are you working with the Lord Matthew 12:30
5. Now is the time to work Sources: Logos; old sermon; PC helps Matthew Henry