

Finishing Well, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

A. The great American pass time is denial. Image is everything.

B. Text: I Corinthians 3:10-15, Genesis 32.

II. Considering that Jesus Christ is the foundation, we choose the building materials and God decides on the fire.

A. The precious materials are the choices we make such as choosing godly counselors. (Proverbs 13:20) and prayer.

B. The weak materials that we build with include self-effort (Galatians 3:3, John 15), pride (I John 2:15-16), envy, etc.

III. God sends the fire to test the building materials.

A. God ambushes and cripples someone that He loves. (Romans 9:13)

B. The fire will demonstrate what you have built in your life.

C. The fire is painful.

D. We must let people “handle” us spiritually, socially, etc to make an impact, but we are going to have to be vulnerable. (I John 1:1)

Application questions:

1. What would you add to the list of precious materials and weak materials we build our lives on?

2. When have you experienced the fire? What did you learn?

3. Why is the fire important in our lives even though it is painful?
