

GOING BOLDLY!

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

INTRODUCTION: If you were told by your doctor you had only six months to live would it affect the way you live and the choices you would normally make? There are four principles that made up the DNA of how our Lord Jesus Christ lived His life: 1.) Jesus lived passionately. 2.) Jesus loved completely. 3.) Jesus learned humbly. 4. Jesus went boldly. You may ask: "When did Jesus go boldly? The Sunday before His death: Matthew 21:9. The Monday before His death: Matthew 21:13. The Tuesday before His death: Matthew 21:42-43. The Thursday before His death: Matthew 26:36-39. The Friday before His death: John 19:6-11. Jesus departed this life going boldly forward to fulfill His Father's will for his life and he left a legacy. As Christ brothers and sisters, we all long to live a life that matters. We long to make a lasting mark on this world for our Lord. Every one of us also long to leave a legacy. 1 Corinthians 3:10-15. This passage of Scripture says that every day we are building a legacy and we get to choose the materials we will build with. We can build with temporary materials or we can choose to build with eternal material. If we are going to live boldly for our Lord and leave godly legacies God's Word gives us seven building materials to help us go boldly forward for our Lord's glory!

I. THE FIRST BUILDING MATERIAL FOR GOING BOLDLY IS FAITH!

Hebrews 11:6: The kind of faith that pleases God and leads to going boldly has seven characteristics: 1.) Faith believes before it sees: Hebrews 11:1. 2.) Faith is obeying when you don't understand: Hebrews 11:7. In the Scriptures faith and obedience always go together. Even when we don't understand we must move forward to obey by faith. 3.) Faith always involves taking risks. We are called to step out and obey before we have all the answers. 4.) Faith is giving when you don't yet have it. That is a test; will you trust God to keep His promise to supply your needs? 5.) Faith is persisting when you don't feel like it. That is certainly different than the way our culture today works. Mature Christians live by their commitments, not by their emotions. Hebrews 10:35-36. 6.) Faith is thanking God before you receive it! Joshua 6:15-20. Faith is believing God is doing something even when we can not see it. 7.) Faith trust even when we don't get what we want. God is not a vending machine that gives you everything you want. Our God hears and answers every prayer we pray but God does not always answer the way we wish He would. Living by faith does not exempt us from problems.

II. THE SECOND BUILDING BLOCK TO GOING BODLY IS PURPOSE!

The cornerstone of a great life is having a great purpose! You see God created us anew in Jesus Christ to do good works He planned for us in advance to do for His glory: Ephesians 2:8-10; John 17:18. Why are we here? It is to do the good things God planned for us to do for His glory. We are the hands, feet, voice and heart of Almighty God in this present world. God wants to use us to bring Him glory during our life time. It is in doing God's will that we find our meaning, passion and power for living boldly in this life! Romans 12:1-2.

III. THE THIRD BUILDING BLOCK FOR GOING BOLDLY IS COMMITMENT!

We live today in a society that avoids and fears making any kind of commitment. Nothing ever happens without someone making a commitment: Luke 14:25-27, 33. Jesus Christ boldly calls us to a commitment to him that puts Him first all the time! Jesus said unless your make a commitment to put Him first in every area of your life you cannot be His disciple!

IV. THE FOURTH BUILDING BLOCK FOR GOING BOLDLY IS SERVICE!

Do you ever see yourself as the least in a group? Most of us know we are not the greatest but none of us want to be the least. Our Lord Jesus took the position of the least: John 13:2-17; Philippians 2:5-11. Through our Lord Jesus, God reveals Himself as a servant!

V. THE FIFTH BUILDING BLOCK FOR GOING BOLDLY IS A LIFE OF LOVE!

Matthew 22:35-40: Jesus is saying here that the heartbeat of a great life and going boldly forward is to love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind and loving our neighbor as ourselves. Without love no matter what you accomplish in this life amounts to nothing: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3.

VI. THE SIXTH BUILDING BLOCK OF GOING BOLDLY IS BEING PART OF CHRIST'S BODY!

It is as we choose to work together in the body of Christ that we gain a bold life here and now and we can go boldly when this life is over. Do you understand you cannot live boldly for your Lord alone? Please learn that together is what this thing we call the church is all about! Acts 1:14; Acts 2:44-47; Ephesians 2:19-22; Ephesians 3:6; Philippians 1:29-30; John 15:5-8.

VII. THE SEVENTH BUILDING BLOCK FOR GOING BOLDLY IS GRATITUDE!

Let me ask you: Because of what Jesus did for you, do you show gratitude in ways that others might think a little strange? 2 Corinthians 5:13-15. Does Christ love for you compel you to live boldly for His glory; to live life that is real life or are you still content to live like everyone else? Is there something or someone in this life that is more important to you than your relationship with your God? We as believers in Jesus Christ if we are to live lives that matter for eternity must live boldly and go boldly now! This is not a practice run! This is the life we are living and we don't want to live it half way! We must live passionately, completely, humbly and boldly now!