LET EVERY MAN TAKE HEED HOW HE BUILDETH THEREON. 1 Cor.3,10.

11For other foundation can no man lay,than that is laid,which is Christ Jesus.In verse 16 we read Know ye not,that ye are the temple of God,and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?17 If any man defile the temple of God,Him shall God destroy;for the temple of God is Holy,which temple ye are.Paul said He had laid the foundation.We learn further in 1 Cor 15,1 to 4 what that foundation is.Moreover brethren I declare unto you the Gospel which I preached unto you,which also ye received,and wherein ye stand;2 By which also ye are saved,if ye keep in memory that which I preached unto you,unless you have believed in vain.3 For I delivered unto you first of all,that which I also received,how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;4 And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.And th then names the witnesses.--This tells us what the foundation of our faith is,and we are to take heed how we build upon it.

We read in Heb.8,5 That Moses was admonished of God when he was about to build the ark tabernacle,for,Saith,He See that thou make it acto the pattern shewed thee in the mount.In Exodus and Deut God gave Moses instructions how to build the ark,the tabernacle,the material to use, size and every thing necessary to build it .We come to the New testament,That According to His Divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain to Life and Godliness 2 Pe.1,3. He told Noah how to build the ark the length,breadth,and height ,thekind of wood to use.And we read Heb.11,7 Byfaith Noah being warned of God of things not seen as yet,moved with fear prepared an ark to the saving of his house.

So we are to build on this foundation(Christ)the things which God has given us which pertain to Life and Godliness.When we accept Christ as the Saviour of the world,repent of our sins,confess Him before men, and are baptized for the remissions of our sins,we Arise to walk a new life,a Spiritual life in Christ Jesus.As we read in Col.3,1If ye then be risen with Christ ,seek those things which are above.Weare to build on that foundation.

Heb.6,1Therefore leaving the principals of the doctrine of Christ, Let us go on to perfection.--We are to add to our faith Virtue,to Virtue Knowledge,Patience,Temperance,Godliness,Brotherly kindness,and charity. 2 Pe.1,5 And He adds For if these things be in you and abound,they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. But He that lacketh these things is blind and cannot see afar off,and hath forgotten that he was once purged from his old sins.

We also are told what to put on in this building.Eph.5,23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;And that ye put on the new man,which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.25Wherefore putting away lying,speak every man truth with his neighbor;for we are members one of another.26 Be ye angry and sin not:let not the sun go down upon your wrath;28 neither give place to the devil.28 Let him that stole steal no more:but rather let him labour with his hands,the things which is good,that he may have to give to him that hath need.29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth,but that which is good to the use of edifying,that it may minister grace to the hearers.30 and grieve not the Holy Spirit of God,whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.31 Let all bitterness,and wrath,and anger,and clamour,and evil sp speaking,be put away from you with all malice:32 And be ye kind one to another,tenderhearted,forgiving oneanother,even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

richly Other things we are to do.Col.3,16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you in all wisdom,teaching and admonishing oneanother.We are to know wh what to teach.As Paul writing to Timothy,Study to shew thyself approved unto God,a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,rightly dividing the w word of truth 2 Tim.2,15.And again 1 Tim.3,14 These things write unto you, he you,hoping to come unto you shortly;But if I tarry long,that thou mightest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of God,the pillar and ground of the truth.

Peter gives an exhortation,1 Pe.2,1-2 Wherefore laying aside all malice,and all guile,and all hypocracies,and envies,and evil speakings;and ~~receive with meekness the engrafted word which is able to save your souls;~~ As new born babes,desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow th thereby.--2 Pe,3,18 But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Saviour J Jesus Christ.To Him be glory both now and forever.2 Tim.21 Thou therefore my son,be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.And the things thou hast heard of me among many witnesses,the same commit thou to faithful men,who may be able to teach others also.--2 Tim.4,2 Preach the word,be instant in season,out of season,reprove,rebuke,exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.--Ac.20,32 Now I commend you to God,and the word of His Grace,which is able to build you up,and give you an inheritance among them that are sanctified.--- J.H.Lackey Church of Christ.