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For God has already placed Jesus Christ as the one and only foundation, and no other foundation can be laid. Corinthians 3:11 (Good News Translation)

## Thought for today...

Shale is said to be one of the most common rocks in the world. A sedimentary rock, it is made up mainly of clay particles. In the construction business, it was not unusual to build a foundation on a layer of shale due to the strength of this rock.

Much research has been carried out in recent years, the results of which suggest that the clay minerals in the rock can easily split; additionally, shale is thought to erode much faster than other sedimentary rocks.

A search on the internet will reveal some homeowners' stories of landslides, or other problems that have been discovered and attributed to the use of shale in the foundation of their homes.



It's a given that when we embark on building something, our expectation is that it will have longevity. A key to achieving this is to ensure that the foundation - that which bears the load and supports the structure from below the surface - is deep, sturdy, durable and stable.

**“Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.” Psalm 127:1 (English Standard Version).**

God's Word is the foundation on which we must build. We can stand firm on Christ the solid rock; He is the rock that will never split, decay, erode or give way under us. Despite a firm foundation having already been laid, many choose to lay their own foundation and proceed to build structures that cannot ultimately stand. Are we building on someone else's testimony or on something that we've seen or heard? Are we perhaps even building on false theology and doctrine?

Of our foundation the Apostle Paul warns **“... let each one take heed how he builds on it.”** 1 Corinthians 3:10 (New King James Version).

Spending time reading and listening to the Word of God is imperative for our spiritual growth; so too is knowing the God of the Word for ourselves and building a lasting relationship with Him with foundations that go deeper than surface level.



As we partner with the King of Kings in building His kingdom on earth, let it be said of us as in Luke 6:48: **‘He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.’** (ESV).