

Refrigerator Notes 19 February 2017
“The Temple: God’s Church”
1 Corinthians 3:10-23

1. The most common reading of the verses 16 and 17 is that the people of God see their own bodies as being the temple of God, as cited 1 Cor. 6:12-20.
2. However, Paul reference to the people’s temple of God is in the Church.
3. Our scripture states that Lord holds its people accountable and responsible for the quality of the workmanship and materials that are used to build and maintain His Church.
4. If the church is built on the right foundation, with the right materials there is a reward; but those who build a jackleg temple will suffer loss and find their work burned up at the judgment seat of Christ.
5. Tragically, many Christians dismiss the importance of the local church and how it’s foundation is built upon.
6. Not only building on a strong foundation is important, but maintaining the church is just as important.
7. There are a few key principles that should help us increase our commitment to the local church.
8. Frist and foremost, *Church attendance is critical*, if members expect their church to not only grow but thrive and prosper church attendance is essential.
9. *Church participation is critical*, if members expect their church to grow, thrive and prosper
10. Your commitment to attend church has to be every bit as strong as your commitment to go to work every day, attend a sporting event, or show up at the club on the weekend.
11. Even if you go on vacation, one should find a church to attend; it declares to God your commitment to Him and it encourages the congregation that you visit to visit other churches when they are on vacation.
12. What is just as bad as using the wrong building materials to construct God’s house is the derogatory commits that you personally make about your church or any other church.
13. When another Christian says something critical about your church or another church, how should you respond? We should consider responding the very same way that Jesus Christ would respond—with holy agitation and indignation!
14. It’s not the church, but the people who are on the inside; Jesus died for the church and He doesn’t appreciate it when the church is unduly criticized or trashed.
15. If you are not involve in the life of the church, roll up your selves and get involve; Likewise, attending to the work that is needed in the church should be consistent – our commitment should be one of consistent; attending and working in the church builds character for both.
16. The church is so important and of such a high priority that God will go to any lengths necessary to protect and preserve it.
17. In church of Corinth, most of the divisions stemmed from preaching cults. **Today**, it comes from unbridle tongues that lead to gossip and slander. In every church there are a few who sow seeds of discontent intentionally or not; whenever they have a chance to badmouth some program or some leader in the church, you are guilt of sowing discontent in the Body of Christ.
18. A church can be destroyed by indifference and non-involvement (3:12-15) as well; don’t allow the rocks to cry out because God will hold you just as guilty as the one who sows discontent.
19. Many churches have died on the vine because no one was willing to carry on the ministry or pick up the mantel. Thus, it is imperative that every member serve in at least some capacity,

somewhere in the church given of you tithes, time and talents. Are you serving your church today?

20. When the world sees a destructive temple, it then draws its own erroneous conclusions about the character of God—based solely on what it sees in God's people; in the process, God's reputation is damaged, God's holy temple is desecrated and yet, you will be held responsible for your lack of righteous action against the sowers!