



DISCIPLESHIP



Lesson 1 Building On A Firm Foundation



Before a carpenter or a brick mason can begin building he must first ensure that the foundation is strong and trustworthy. He wouldn't want to work so hard just to have it all fall down one day, right? The same can be said about your spiritual life. What is your faith resting upon?

Far too often young people just follow in their parents footsteps, going to Sunday school and church because they 'have to'. They pretty much assume that is all they need to do! But, unless you have had your own personal meeting with Jesus - one in which you opened your heart and turned your life over to Him - there is not yet a 'foundation' for you to spiritually build upon. You would be in very big trouble if anything bad happened to you and you could not turn to Him!!

The Apostle Paul wrote that we need to be "*Looking unto Jesus the author [designer] and the finisher [builder] of our faith*" (**Hebrews 12:2**) Talk about a Life Builder! Jesus loves to build lives!! He is also referred to as "a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation" by the prophet Isaiah (Isa 28:16) That means Jesus should be the first 'part' of everything about us and the basis ('foundation') of all we are and do. Wow! Sounds pretty serious, huh? It was serious enough for Him to give His life for us! But you - are you willing to give your life to Him??



Before another day passes - even before this meeting is over - consider giving your heart to Jesus now! If you already have, tell Him you are ready to faithfully serve Him however, where ever, He needs you to!



Remember: discipleship means discipline - which decides who we are, what we do, and why we do it! Have you heard people say, "Like father, like son"? Well, God is our Father and we are his sons (and should try to be as much like him as we can!) But we also must remember that he is our Lord and we are his servants. Before this meeting ends discuss (or, if you are studying alone, consider in yourself) some of the ways that we can serve God in this lifetime.

Read at home all of Hebrews 12:1,2. Then memorize these words:
"I will lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily besets me, and look unto Jesus, the author and finisher of my faith."