

## Prayer?

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## Sermon.

**Speaker:** Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

**Message:** Be Very Careful (Hearing and Responding to the Message)

**Text:** 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

*"<sup>16</sup>Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? <sup>17</sup>If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. <sup>18</sup>Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. <sup>19</sup>For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, 'He catches the wise in their craftiness,' <sup>20</sup>and again, 'The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.' <sup>21</sup>So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, <sup>22</sup>whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, <sup>23</sup>and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's."*  
**1 Corinthians 3:16-23**

1. The foundational truth: maturity in the stewardship of life (Christian living) occurs as we rejoice in the mercy and power of the cross. (Chapters 1:23-25, 2:2-5, 3:1-9)

*"To assume the gospel is the first step to losing the gospel. An assumed gospel leaves the message of the gospel unspoken and implicit. Assuming the gospel is a lazy forgetfulness that we are in a battle. Don't let the fact that you attend a good church or are involved in a good Christian organization lull you into thinking you don't have to worry about the gospel. The battle against assuming the gospel is ongoing and lifelong."*  
J. Mack Stiles, *Marks of the Messenger*, p. 40-41

2. The hyper-caffeinated jolt to the believer's system. (v.10-12) There is only one foundation, Jesus Christ and him crucified, but there are two types of builders and two types of building materials. Therefore, we should resolutely and intentionally build on the foundation of Christ.

3. Be very careful...

- Carefulness and a sober warning. (v.16-17)

*"The ways of destroying the church are many and colorful. Raw factionalism will do it. Frank heresy will do it. Taking your eyes off the cross and letting other, more peripheral matters dominate the agenda will do it—admittedly, more slowly than frank heresy, but just as effectively on the long-haul...entertaining people to death, but never fostering the beauty of holiness or the centrality of self-crucifying love will build an assembly of religious people, but it will destroy the church of the living God. Gossip, prayerlessness, bitterness, sustained biblical illiteracy, self-promotion, materialism—all of these things and many more can destroy a church."* D.A. Carson, *The Cross and Christian Ministry*, pp. 83-84

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*"...for, in my classes (at Northwestern University), so called 'good students' abounded. My best guess is that they didn't get it (the meaning of literature), because they don't feel the need to elevate their lives above worldly success and material comfort."* Jeffrey Epstein, article in "First Things," 3/2022

- True wisdom.

*"He who is perceived as a fool because he is wise in Christ (v.18) is one who renounces his own understanding, allows himself to be directed by the Lord, as if with his eyes shut—who distrusting himself, leans wholly on the Lord, places his whole wisdom in him, and yields himself up to God in obedience. It is necessary that the wisdom of the world should in this way vanish in order that the will of God may have authority over us, and that we be emptied of our own understanding that we may be filled with the wisdom of God."* John Calvin, Commentary on 1 Corinthians, p. 144-145

- How faith in Jesus answers the "Five Tyrannies" of Life. (v.21-23)

### QUESTIONS:

1. Why is this statement by Socrates, "The unexamined life is not worth living," dependent upon your life's mirror?
2. Why does 1 Corinthians 3:10-12 serve as a hyper-caffeinated jolt to your body?
3. What do people mean when they say, "that is my truth" or "that is your truth"? Why is that an unclear and false statement?
4. Why did the professor of literature say about his students at Northwestern University, "My best guess is that they don't really get it, because they don't feel the need to elevate their lives above worldly success and material comfort"? How does this square with Matthew 11:25-28?
5. Give examples of how following Christ in our culture can prove to be very costly.



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FEBRUARY 27, 2022

## — THE JOY OF — STEWARDSHIP



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# Hello.

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I/We attended worship at:

9:30am  11:00am

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Preferred method of contact:  Call  Text  Email

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 Join the Church  
 Meet with a Pastor  
 Subscribe to newsletter  
 Other



# Welcome.

We're glad you are here to worship with us. If you are new to East Cooper Baptist, we would love to meet you. Please stop anyone with a blue name-tag and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

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**Traditional Worship / Sunday Classes**  
Sanctuary 9:30am & 11:00am  
**Contemporary Worship / Sunday Classes**  
Worship Center 9:30am & 11:00am

## Ways to Give.

Giving is part of our worship to God. Through your faithful giving, God continues to change lives here in our area and around the world.



**Give in-person** by dropping your gift in any giving box located throughout the church.

**Give online** by visiting our website at: [eastcooperbaptist.com/give](http://eastcooperbaptist.com/give).



**Give via text** by texting the word "GIVE" to 843-202-4848.

## Ways to Serve.

We would love to have you on one of our serve teams!



Serve on the Production Team and help us provide audio and video each Sunday as we worship and study God's word. Training is provided. To sign up, email [communications@eastcooperbaptist.com](mailto:communications@eastcooperbaptist.com).



We need volunteers who can serve in our parking lot, as door greeters, make coffee, or help people find their way at our Welcome Desk. To sign up, email [Moriah at moriahb@eastcooperbaptist.com](mailto:moriahb@eastcooperbaptist.com).



Are you interested in helping out in Kids Ministry? If so, we would love to help you use your gifts to serve the church. Email [Crystal at crystalc@eastcooperbaptist.com](mailto:crystalc@eastcooperbaptist.com) to sign up.

## Upcoming Classes.

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### TAKE A CLASS ROUTINELY

We have many classes coming up for you to grow in your faith and equip you for the days ahead. Most classes meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 and 11:00am, but we also have a few that meet through-out the week for those who are serving Sunday mornings and can't attend. For more information on a class, please visit our website.

#### ESSENTIALS:

- MINOR PROPHETS - Sundays, March 13 - May 22 at 11:00am.
- DOCTRINE OF GOD - Sundays, March 13 - May 22 at 11:00am.

#### DEVELOPMENT:

- FIRST STEP CLASS - Sunday, March 13 at 11:00am.
- FOUNDATIONS OF LEADERSHIP - Sundays, March 13 - April 10 at 11:00am.
- SHEPHERDING SKILLS - Sundays, April 24 - May 22 at 11:00am.
- PARENT COMMISSIONING - Sundays, May 1, August 14, and October 16 at 11:00am.
- MEMBERSHIP CLASS - Sundays, July 10-31

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## Upcoming.

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### GLOBAL IMPACT CONFERENCE

The Global Impact Conference is a time when we, as a church, focus on Christ's Great Commission. For more information and to register, please go online. **March 4-6.**

REGISTER TODAY.



### KIDS MISSIONS FESTIVAL

This goes alongside our Global Impact Conference on **March 4-6**. Come and learn about what it looks like to live on mission for God at home and around the world! This year, we will be learning about Prague!

REGISTER TODAY.



### LIFELINE INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION INFO WEBINAR

During this webinar, you'll hear directly from members of Lifeline's staff about the heart of their ministry, along with a general overview of our programs and the adoption process. **March 6 at 7:00pm.**

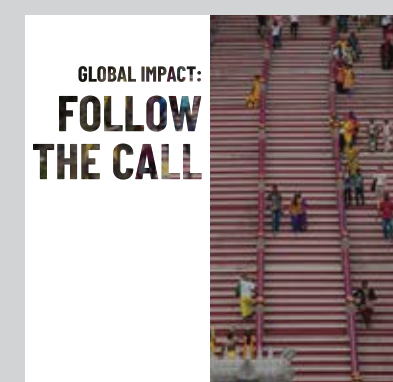


Attend this webinar: [lifelinechild.org/information-meetings](http://lifelinechild.org/information-meetings)

### FOLLOW THE CALL

Following the Global Impact Conference, we will have a session that is designed to help you more clearly discern if you are called to go to the nations and what steps you should take to prepare. Meets Sunday, **March 13 at 9:30am.**

SEE YOU THERE.



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