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Center Point Baptist Church
“Building For A Purpose”
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I. Build Yourself Up.

A. Earlier part of this epistle Jude gives some advice that is related to this.

1. Remember you are a sanctified people.
2. You are to grow in mercy, peace and love.
3. You are to earnestly contend for the gospel.

B. Build Yourself Up. (EX: Sports = Progressive Thing)

1. Build on your faith.
2. Paul said the just shall live by faith – it is a daily experience.
3. For many it is easy to trust God in the spiritual promises but no in the other areas of their life.

C. Praying in the Holy Ghost requires a lot of time and submission.

1. Jesus praying in the Garden is a good example.
2. To many times we only take time to tell God what we hope for.
3. This is prayer that takes the time to really hear God speak.

D. Keep yourself in the love of God.

1. You plan to and determine to please God.
2. You walk with God.
3. You find that joy and peace that the world cannot understand.

E. Looking for the mercy of God.

1. We have the promise of eternal life in Jesus.
2. Like the prophet we should be looking for a city whose builder and maker is God.

II. Have compassion on others.

- A. Not just concerned about ourselves.
- B. Jesus had compassion for others.
- C. Jesus said, “As the Father hadth sent Me so send I you”
- D. God told us in the book of Ezekiel, “If you warn not the wicked and he dies in his sin his blood will I require at your hands.”
- E. Making A Difference
 - 1. Some of you are very lovingly and tenderly.
 - 2. Some you have to really be strong and forceful to get their attention.
 - a. Some you have to almost pull out of the fire.
 - b. Hating the garments spotted by the flesh.
 - c. But not hating them.

Closing:

We build ourselves up to glorify God.

We build ourselves up to show others what a difference God can make in a life.

We build ourselves up to witness or contend for the faith that God’s kingdom might grow.

You never quit striving to grow or build yourself up in the Lord. Even an aged apostle Paul said I am still striving to attain the mark and calling to be like Jesus.