

THE PARABLE OF THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Almost any simple illustration can be used to teach a spiritual lesson.
- B. You remember the story of the three little pigs and the big bad wolf.
 - 1. 1st pig built out of straw.
 - 2. 2nd out of sticks.
 - 3. 3rd out of bricks.
- C. Today we want to use this story as our illustration.

BODY:

I. OUR ADVERSARY.

- A. Represented as the "big bad wolf" but there is nothing funny about Satan.
- B. Eph. 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- C. 2 Cor. 2:11 should not be ignorant of his devices.
- D. 1 Pet. 5:8 like a roaring lion.
- E. His tactics:
 - 1. Lk. 8:12- takes the word away.
 - 2. Lk. 4:1-13 with Jesus.
 - 3. Craftiness- 2 Cor. 11:3.
 - 4. Sows tares- Matt. 13:6-39.
- F. Not to give place to him- Eph. 4:26-27.
- G. James 4:7 resist him and he will flee.

II. THE STRAW HOUSE- A LIFE OF IMMORALITY WITHOUT GOD.

- A. Look at the life without God- Rom. 1:28-32.

- B. Notice- Rom. 3:9-18.
- C. Works of the flesh- Gal. 5:19-21.
- D. Unfruitful works of Darkness- Eph. 5:11-14.
- E. This "Straw House" will burn in the day of testing.

III. THE HOUSE OF STICKS (LIFE OF HYPOCRISY AND LUKEWARMNESS).

- A. Supposedly better than the house of straw.
- B. Jesus condemns this way of life- Matt. 23:13-33.
- C. Are there HYPOCRITES in the Church today?
 - 1. Yes!
 - 2. They were in the early church- Acts 5:1-4.
 - 3. Prophets foretold of them- Mk. 7:6 He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: `This people honors Me with [their] lips, But their heart is far from Me.
 - 4. Hypocrites are deceiving themselves- Jas. 1:21-27.
- D. Are there LUKEWARM Christians in the church?
 - 1. Yes!
 - 2. They were in the early church- 2 Tim. 4: 10- Demas.
 - 3. These make God sick- Rev. 3:15-16.
 - 4. Result of lukewarmness- Matt. 13:20-22
- E. This "House of Sticks" may not burn as fast as the "Straw House," but they will still burn (and hotter) in the day of judgment.

IV. THE BRICK HOUSE (THE DEDICATED TRUE DISCIPLE OF CHRIST).

- A. The best way to build.
- B. He has put the kingdom first- Matt. 6:33.
- C. He is the good soil- Matt. 13:8, 23.

D. He presents his body a living sacrifice- Rom. 12:1-2.

E. Titus 2:11-15 S/He lives soberly.

F. The True disciple of Christ:

1. Denies self- Matt. 16:24-26.

2. Counts the cost- Lk. 14:26-33.

3. Adds the "Christian Graces" - 2 Pet. 1:5-10.

G. This house will stand in the judgment, no other will-Matt. 7:24-27.

CONCLUSION:

A. What kind of house are you building?

B. Will it stand in the day of judgment?

C. Building with inferior materials is a waste of time and soul.

D. Chose the best materials, start today, obey the Gospel.