

## **Build Well or Else...**



Paul is encouraging us to be appraising our efforts to help others grow in Jesus. He wants us to understand how important our efforts to encourage others spiritual growth is to God. And therefore, ought to be to us.



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#### Matthew 18:5-6

<sup>5</sup> "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup> but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.



Some may say, "I'll play it safe, I won't do anything. Then there will be nothing to be evaluated."

Not being interested in making any effort to help others grow in Jesus is not a good sign.



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