“a time to build up.” (Eccl. 3:3) Building up is something most people like to do. Tearing down is the act of destroying and most people don’t like that. Even though it may be necessary at times.

For several years I was in the business of building churches and I like seeing things being built, whether it is buildings or something else. There was a time when I liked to work in my shop and build cabinets, desks, etc. There is a sense of accomplishment in building.

I like to build up the church. Most of my life I have done local work with churches and in each case the church where I worked grew during my time. To guys like me, it is essential that we progress.

Others, very few thankfully, like to tear down. They always find something wrong, not because they want to fix it, but I guess they want to show us that we are not perfect. This is not the person that finds something lacking and perhaps a danger, and give us warning.

Building is God’s way. Otherwise, why did he teach us to “preach the word,” (2 Tim 4:2) It is the word that builds people up. It is the word that will make us strong and resistant to dangers of things around us. It is the word that keeps us in the right way. (Psa. 119:11)

Paul, in speaking to the Ephesian elders, said, “And now I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you the inheritance among all them that are sanctified.” (Acts 20:32 Emphasis mine.)

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