

# **Help Wanted: A Carpenter**

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Mark 6.

B. If we are going to understand what it takes to go about life building, we must know three facts.

## II. Jesus Christ is the carpenter.

A. Jesus was born in a carpenter's home. (Matthew 13:55)

B. Jesus came to do the carpenter's work. He is building and repairing.

C. Jesus follows a carpenter's methods.

1. Jesus looks at us and sees potential.

2. Jesus has a plan.

3. Jesus has great pleasure in the finished product. He is patient in getting the product there.

D. Jesus died a carpenter's death.

## III. Satan is the destroyer. (Revelation 9:11, John 10:10)

IV. We are the materials and tools for the building--we must make the decision whether Satan will tear us down or whether Jesus will build us up.

A. We are God's hands and feet in the world today. (Romans 6, 12)

B. We must build with love. (1 Corinthians 8:1)

C. We are called to do the work of God with the gifts of God. (Ephesians 4)

D. Our speech must build up instead of tear down. (Ephesians 4)

E. Prayer builds others up. (Colossians 4:12)

**Application questions:**

1. What can we learn about investing in others lives through Jesus' methods as carpenter?

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2. How are you living out the commission to be God's hands and feet today? How would you evaluate yourself based upon the message?

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3. How can you maximize your service to the church in light of the different ways we are called to build each other up?

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