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- 17 years of God's awesome faithfulness
- 17 years of walking and growing with God
- 17 years of God's abundant grace and goodness
- 17 years of abiding and fruitfulness
- 17 years of Honoring God & Making Disciples





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To honor God and serve Every Nation Churches and Ministries by forming Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered, and socially responsible leaders in Every Nation.



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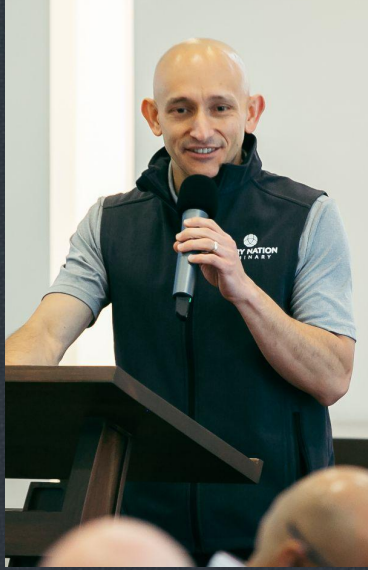


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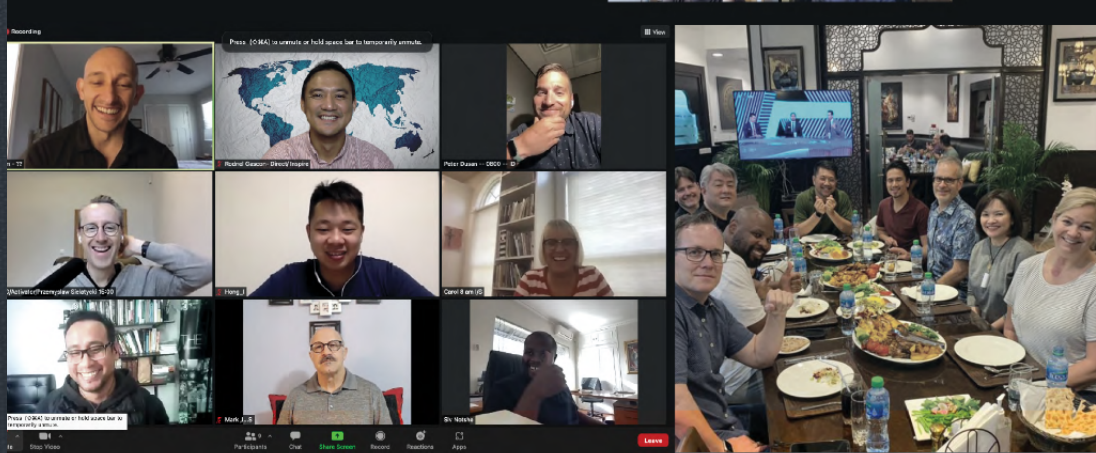


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Building Wisely

Importance and Value of careful and wise building

1 Corinthians 3:9-11

[9] For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building. [10] According to the grace of God given to me, like a **skilled master builder** I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. [11] For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

ALL of us are engaged in BUILDING!

Wise Builder - Luke 6:48

A wise man build his house on the ROCK!

... he is like a man **building** a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been **well built**.

The many challenges of life will test our FOUNDATION!

To Build...

Gk. OIKODOMEIO (NT:3618) - *to edify, build-up, strengthen, uplift, but also to establish, mold and form*

To build or edify - not just to encourage and make people feel good about themselves but to develop people spiritually towards something through teaching, training, and mentoring!

To BUILD - Biblical Command

Each of us is called by God to build wisely!!

Romans 15:1 We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. 2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to **build him up**.

1 Corinthians 14:12 So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in **building up the church**.

NIV ...try to excel in gifts that **build up** the church.

2 Corinthians 10:8 For even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for **building you up** and not for destroying you, I will not be ashamed.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore **encourage one another** and **build one another up**, just as you are doing.

Greatest Investment - BUILDING People

Systems, buildings, machines deteriorate –
but people can grow, develop, become
productive and reach their highest potentials
in God!

GOAL: Help people grow into spiritual
leadership by nurturing and building through
discipleship and leadership development.

4 Insights - How to Build Wisely

1. God is the True Builder.

1 Corinthians 3:7 ESV So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

God is the True Builder

Psalm 127:1 Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

Matthew 16:18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Hebrews 11:10 For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

Hebrews 3:4 (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.)

a. It is foolish to build on personalities.

1 Corinthians 3:4 For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each.

As servants - we point people to Christ, not ourselves!

We can't put our hope in man

Psalms 118:8 It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. **9** It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

Psalms 146:3 Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

Psalms 108:12 Oh grant us help against the foe, for vain is the salvation of man!

b. We do our part seriously and
faithfully!

1 Corinthians 3:6,8 ESV

[6] I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

[8] He who plants and he who waters are one, and each
will receive his wages according to his labor.

We are a TEAM! No room for pride or divisive loyalty

C. We are God's fellow workers,
God's field, God's building!

1 Corinthians 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

We are not workers for God, we are workers who belong to God!
The entire result of God's work completely belongs to God!

2. God give us grace to become builders.

1 Corinthians 3:10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it.

Balance - God's enabling grace and expert building

Ecclesiastes 10:10 NIV

If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed but skill will bring success.

3. We must build on the right foundations.

1 **Corinthians 3:11** For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. upon it.

JESUS alone is our true FOUNDATION!

Right Foundation - JESUS!

Christ centered

Spirit empowered

Authority of the Word - Rock

1 Cor 3:10 ... But we must each be careful how we build, 11 because Christ is the only foundation.

Centrality of Jesus

Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

1 Corinthians 2:2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

Centrality of Jesus

Colossians 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

God's purpose in Jesus: *"in everything, He might have the supremacy!"*

Christians needs to center their lives on JESUS!

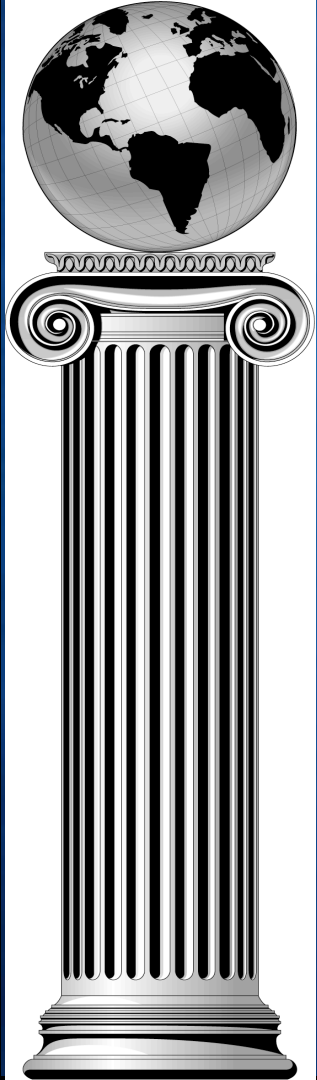
Philippians 3:8 *Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ*

Right Foundation - JESUS!

Lordship of Christ

Love relationship with JESUS

FOUNDATION is directly tied to LORDSHIP.



Lordship of Jesus

Luke 6:46-48 ESV

46 "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?

The Wise and Foolish Builders

47 Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: 48 he is like a man building a house, who dug **deep** and laid the **foundation** on the **rock**. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.

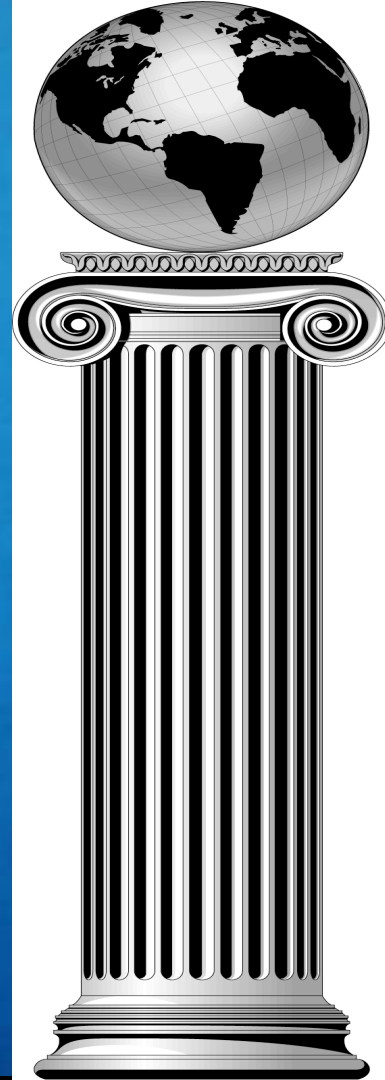
(Matthew 7:21-24)

LOVE relationship with God.

Luke 7:47 Those that are forgiven much, loves much. (**Romans 12:1**)

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

2 Corinthians 5:14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.



Admonition

Revelation 2:2-5

2 I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false.

3 You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

4 Yet I hold this against you: You have **forsaken your first love**.

5 Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

4. We must build with the right materials.

1 Corinthians 3:12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw- **[13]** each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. **[14]** If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward.

a. Wise Builder

Uses lasting materials – gold, silver, and precious stones - stand the test of time.

Wise building seeks to honor Christ – not personalities, strategies, mission, doctrines, etc ,

Aim for quality that glorify Christ, not quantity that win the praise of men.

Wise builders use God's Word and rely on the Holy Spirit

When the fire tries their work in glory, it will stand!

b. Foolish Builder

Foolish building - uses cheap, shabby materials of the world - wood, hay, and stubble.

These cannot stand the test.

They build crowds, instead of disciples.

They build programs instead of building the church.

They adopt worldly wisdom instead of the authority of the Scripture.

When this ministry is tested in eternity, it will burn up.

These builders will be saved, but only as if they jumped out of a burning building and lost everything but their lives. There will be no reward.

c. Destructive Builder

1 Corinthians 3:17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Destructive builders does not build the church but tears it down. Their selfish ministries destroy local churches instead of building them up.

Conclusion:

It is a privilege to co-labor with God - Ps 127:1

The value of our work will be tested!

We are committed to be careful builders

We are committed to build for the long haul and
for the glory of GOD!

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PSALM 2:8



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