

## BUILDING YOUR HOUSE GOD'S WAY

TEXT: (Proverbs 24:3-4, NIV)

<sup>3</sup> By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; <sup>4</sup> through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

### INTRODUCTION

1. "Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain" (Psalm 127:1, NIV).

### I. WISDOM BUILDS A HOME

1. "By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations" (Proverbs 3:19, NIV).

#### A. Built Upon the Foundation of the Word

1. "Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock" (Matthew 7:24, NIV).
2. "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.' But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all" (Matthew 5:33-34, NIV).
3. "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you" (Matthew 5:38-41, NIV).
4. "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:43-44, NIV).

#### B. Build Walls and a Roof of Holiness

1. "Build a large boat from cypress wood and waterproof it with tar, inside and out" (Genesis 6:14, NLT).
2. "Avoid every kind of evil" (I Thessalonians 5:22, NIV).
3. "Abstain from all appearance of evil" (I Thessalonians 5:22, KJV).
4. "Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you" (II Corinthians 6:17, NIV).
5. "Waterproof it with tar, inside and out" (Genesis 6:14, NLT).
6. "Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God" (II Corinthians 7:1, NIV).

#### C. A Window from Above

1. "For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ" (II Corinthians 4:6, NIV).
2. "You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness" (I Corinthians 5:5, NIV).

### II. UNDERSTANDING ESTABLISHES A HOME

#### A. Love Permeate the Atmosphere

1. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:34-35, NIV).

2. "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" (I John 4:20, KJV).

#### B. Forgiveness Keeps the Atmosphere Sweet

1. "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you" (Matthew 6:14, NIV).
2. "[Love] keeps no record of wrongs" (I Corinthians 13:5, NIV).
3. "Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven" (Matthew 18:21-22, KJV).
4. "But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins" (Matthew 6:15, NLT).
5. "If you refuse to do your part, you cut yourself off from God's part" (Matthew 6:15, MSG).

#### C. Loyalty Establishes a Home

1. "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord punish me severely if I allow anything but death to separate us!" (Ruth 1:16-17, NLT).

### III. KNOWLEDGE FILLS A HOME WITH RICHES

1. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15, KJV).
2. "All thy garments *smell* of myrrh, and aloes, *and* cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad" (Psalm 45:8, KJV).
3. "[The evidence] of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23, NIV).

#### A. Evidence of Relationship with God

1. "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love" (I Corinthians 13:13, NIV).
2. "As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and *yet* possessing all things" (II Corinthians 6:10, KJV).
3. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7, NIV).

#### B. Evidence of Relationship with Others

1. "Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:1-2, NIV).

#### C. Evidence of Inward Relationship

1. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (II Timothy 1:7, KJV).
2. "A faithful person will be richly blessed" (Proverbs 28:29, NIV).

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3. “Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong” (II Corinthians 12:9-10, NIV).