

Build the House

Series part 1: Called to Serve
2.7.16 – New Life Church
Pastor Jim Von Wald

I. God given skills. (Gen 11:1-9 & Ex 31:1-11)

II. God given help.

Psalm 127:1 (NLT) *Unless the LORD builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted.*

A. We are the temple.

1 Corinthians 6:19 (AMP) *Do you not know that your body is the temple (the very sanctuary) of the Holy Spirit Who lives within you, Whom you have received [as a Gift] from God?*

1 Timothy 4:8 (NLT) *Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.*

B. Our foundation must be Christ.

Isaiah 28:16 (NLT) *Therefore, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "Look! I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem, a firm and tested stone. It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes need never be shaken."*

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against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock.²⁶ But anyone who hears my teaching and ignores it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand.²⁷ When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash."

C. Our labor isn't what it takes.

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Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT) *God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.*

D. So, what can I do?

Romans 10:9-10 (NLT) *If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.*

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