



BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR BUILDING

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Good morning Church! The message God has for us today is that He is to be the center of our life in everything. The Principles that we study from God's Word will help us prepare for this Building Project. God is more concerned with the way we build than with what we build. The following guidelines should be followed:

1. All Building Projects should follow the principles laid down in SCRIPTURE. (Psalm 127:1)

- Believers and Unbelievers

*Then all the congregation of the people of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. **21** And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought the Lord's contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments. **22** So they came, both men and women. All who were of a willing heart brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and armlets, all sorts of gold objects, every man dedicating an offering of gold to the Lord. **23** And every one who possessed blue or purple or scarlet yarns or fine linen or goats' hair or tanned rams' skins or goatskins brought them. **24** Everyone who could make a contribution of silver or bronze brought it as the Lord's contribution. And every one who possessed acacia wood of any use in the work brought it. **25** And every skillful woman spun with her hands, and they all brought what they had spun in blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. **26** All the women whose hearts stirred them to use their skill spun the goats' hair. **27** And the leaders brought onyx stones and stones to be set, for the ephod and for the breastpiece, **28** and spices and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense. **29** All the men and women, the people of Israel, whose heart moved them to bring anything for the work that the Lord had commanded by Moses to be done brought it as a freewill offering to the Lord." **Exodus 35:20-29***

*In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: **2** "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. **3** Whoever is among you of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem. **4** And let each survivor, in whatever place he sojourns, be assisted by the men of his place with silver and gold, with goods and with beasts, besides freewill offerings for the house of God that is in Jerusalem." **5** Then rose up the heads of the fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, everyone whose spirit God had stirred to go up to rebuild the house of the Lord that is in Jerusalem. **Ezra 1:1-5***

- By Spirit-led Workers

““Bezalel and Oholiab and every craftsman in whom the Lord has put skill and intelligence to know how to do any work in the construction of the sanctuary shall work in accordance with all that the Lord has commanded.” **2** And Moses called

Bezalel and Oholiab and every craftsman in whose mind the Lord had put skill, everyone whose heart stirred him up to come to do the work. **3** And they received from Moses all the contribution that the people of Israel had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning,

Exodus 36:1–3

- When the HOLY SPIRIT is behind a project, ENOUGH funds and workers will be supplied.

2. Adopting any carnal, deceptive or manipulative FUNDRAISING practices would be wrong. (2 Corinthians 10:3–5)

- If someone's WALLET is closed to God, so is his HEART.

Therefore all giving and working must be:

- Cheerful and Enthusiastic
- Sacrificial and Generous

*“We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, **2** for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.*

3** For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, “ **2 Corinthians 8:1–3

- Unto the Lord

*"and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.” **2 Corinthians 8:5***

- Willing

*“So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. **12** For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have.” **2 Corinthians 8:11–12***

- Honest in the Sight of God and Man

*“With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his preaching of the gospel. **19** And not only that, but he has been appointed by the churches to travel with us as we carry out this act of grace that is being ministered by us, for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our good will. **20** We take this course so that no one should blame us about this generous gift that is being administered by us, **21** for we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man.” **2 Corinthians 8:18–21***

- Not Reluctant or Under Compulsion
- As a Test of Sincerity and Love to the Lord

*“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. **7** Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **8** I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. **9** For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.” **2 Corinthians 9:6–9***

- Trusting the Lord to Supply Your Future Needs

*“He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. **11** You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.” **2 Corinthians 9:10–11***

Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*