

Foundation for Living

Solomon builds the House of God in Jerusalem by first laying the foundation.

1Kings 5:15-18

1Ki 5:17 And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house.

Great work, time, and cost to build the temple. It took an estimated 7 years to build and was destroyed about 380 years later by the Babylonians.

Rev 21:19 precious foundation stones

A building's foundation is unseen but most important and well planned.

All future work is dependent and supported by the foundation.

For the first house we built, we contracted with block masons to lay the foundation (cement footings and concrete blocks) for our house. As they waited for their payment, I checked the dimensions and the square of their work. By their tape measure, I read it was 40 by 24 feet as specified in my plans. Later in beginning the framing phase, I discovered that our foundation was only 39 x 23 feet. The block mason's tape measure had been broken and was missing its first foot.

Changes had to be made to the entire plans, room sizes, and stair layout.

Our house was limited by the foundation resulting in a loss of 126 sq feet.

A wise man builds his house, his life, on a strong, unchanging, reliable, and precise foundation.

Luke 6:47-48

48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

The foundation is what enables the house to stand and protect in times of trouble. We should be able to offer protection to those in the storm of life whose houses (lives) have fallen. The strength of the foundation bring strength to the house. After the hurricane struck New Orleans, we saw many houses useless because their foundation shifted or gave away.

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1 Corinthians 3:10-12

10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

The works or lives which last are those build on the foundation of Jesus. But when building we must choose our building materials properly. Choose those which are precious and will last.

1 Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

Peter declared the Jesus was the Christ, the son of the Living God. In Matthew 16:17, Jesus responded “upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it.” This rock, the confession of Jesus as the Christ, is the foundation rock of the believer. On this rock we will not fail or be defeated.

The only foundation for our lives is the grace of God in the person of Jesus. He is our corner stone. Our reference point for building our life. Brick masons spend a great deal of care an time to set the corner from which all courses and walls are based.

Ephesians 2:19-22

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

Isaiah 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

Without Jesus as our foundation, our works and lives are dead works not good works. A work or life is only good (fruitful) in God's eye if our heart attitude is right. Pride or self promotion will corrupt the lasting outcome or fruit of our works and life.

Our heart motivation should to be the foundational element in order for our works to please God. Our life accomplishments must be based on the grace of God not our ability or talents. We are eternal beings living in the now but prepared for the future.

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1Timothy 6:17-19

19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

We understand that trusting in riches is foolish. Trusting in riches is not a proper foundation.

Our trust (our foundation) must be in God and His grace which is poured for us to benefit and

to enjoy. Good works are built on this foundation.

Giving not getting is the “Jesus” foundation. This will enable us to “lay hold” on eternal life.

This is life eternal to know the only true God and Jesus Christ.

There is a time coming when we will be rewarded for with what and how we built on Jesus in our lives.

We are the new covenant temple, built on the foundation of Jesus build upon with gold, silver, and precious stones lasting for ever