

ARISE AND BUILD

1 Chron. 22:19

Now **set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God**, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into **the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD.**

Last week, we began a new year with a new theme...

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As mentioned last week, a good verse to memorize, for the new year, or at any time is...

Psa. 90:12 So **teach us to number our days**, that we may **apply our hearts** unto wisdom.

Not only during the new year, but all year through, and for our lifetime, we need to be good stewards of the time the Lord allows us.

Last week, we looked at two perspectives in relation to our text that we will quickly review:

The first ingredient was...

I. THE RIGHT INTEREST – “Now **set your heart and your soul** to seek the LORD your God...”

A. Our Focus of Affection, 22:19

- The focus of our affection will be a constant battle within us throughout 2019.

Deut. 32:46 And he said unto them, **Set your hearts unto all the words** which I testify among you this day, which **ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words** of this law.

2 Chron. 11:16 And after them out of all the tribes of Israel **such as set their hearts to seek the LORD God** of Israel came to Jerusalem, **to sacrifice unto the LORD God** of their fathers.

- Mankind has a natural proclivity in focusing upon warped ideas contrary to spiritual truth.

Psa. 78:8 And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; **a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God.**

Ezek. 14:3 Son of man, **these men have set up their idols in their heart**, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: **should I be enquired of at all by them?**

1 Jn. 2:15 **Love not the world**, neither the things *that are* in the world. **If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**

16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but **he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.**

Jas. 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that **the friendship of the world is enmity with God?** whosoever therefore will be **a friend of the world is the enemy of God.**

2 Tim. 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be **lovers of their own selves**, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, **lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;**

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

- What a privilege to know that God sets His heart upon us!

Job 7:17 **What is man**, that thou shouldest magnify him? and **that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him?**

Eph. 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, **even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;**

- God desires that His children focus their affection on Him and His place of fellowship – the church.

Col. 3:2 **Set your affection on things above,** not on things on the earth.

1 Chron. 29:3 Moreover, because **I have set my affection to the house of my God,** I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, *which* I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,

B. Our Faith into Action

- Our obedience to the Lord's directives requires simple faith to trust Him and His leadership.

1 Chron. 28:20 And David said to Solomon his son, **Be strong and of good courage**, and **do it**: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, *even my God, will be with thee*; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, **until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.**

- The Lord promises to be with us as we do His will – to arise and build!

Mt. 28:20b “...lo, **I am with you always**, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

Heb. 13:5 *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: **for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.***

6 So that we may boldly say, **The Lord is my helper**, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

The second perspective was...

II. THE REQUIRED INITIATIVE – “**arise therefore, and build ye ...**”

A. Target the Immediate – “Now...”

- A new year is full of “resolutions,” which are useless unless immediately implemented

B. Take the Initiative – “...**set your heart and your soul** to seek the LORD your God...”

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- Start somewhere! **Resist procrastinating!**
- Procrastination smothers productivity, turning fruitfulness into futility.



<https://procrastination.com/what-is-procrastination>

C. Take up the Intention – “...arise therefore and build ye...”

Neh. 2:20 Then answered I them, and said unto them, **The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build:** but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

- Establish the objective;
- Employ the ability to accomplish;
- Endure the setbacks;
- Earn the results.

Mark 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, **the Lord working with them**, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

1 Cor. 3:9 For **we are labourers together with God**: ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building.

- The Lord wants to work through us, for His glory, but, He doesn't force us against our will.
- If we are willing, He will give us opportunity to be a tool for His building projects throughout our lives.

III. THE RECEPTION OF INSTRUCTION – “...**the sanctuary of the LORD God**, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God...”

A. God's Plan for His Children

- The purpose for building the sanctuary is to follow God's plan, for our benefit.
- The Lord wants us to learn His will, His work, and His way for His glory.

Mt. 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and **learn of me**; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

- We need to prepare our hearts to follow His plan:

1 Chron. 29:2a “Now **I have prepared** with all my might **for the house of my God...**”

3 Moreover, **because I have set my affection to the house of my God**, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, **which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, ...**

9 Then the people rejoiced, for that **they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD:** and David the king also rejoiced with great joy. ...

12 **Both riches and honour come of thee**, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand *is* power and might; and **in thine hand *it is* to make great, and to give strength unto all. ...**

14 **But who *am* I**, and what *is* my people, that we should be able to offer so **willingly** after this sort? **for all things *come* of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.**

Prov. 3:5 Trust in the LORD **with all thine heart**; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and **he shall direct thy paths.**

Psa. 37:4 **Delight thyself also in the LORD**; and he shall give thee **the desires of thine heart.**

B. God's Path for His Children

- Desiring God is the foundation for following His leadership as He directs our paths.
- We need to be cognizant that the Lord is constantly instructing us in life.
- Life is a continual process of learning and applying what is learned.

Psa 32:8 **I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.**

Prov. 1:5 **A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:**

Prov. 9:9 Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be yet wiser: **teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.**

- The Scriptures continually encourage us to accept instruction.

Rom. 15:4 For whatsoever things were **written aforetime were written for our learning**, that we through patience and comfort of **the scriptures** might have hope.

2 Chron. 3:3 “Now these *are the things wherein* Solomon was **instructed for the building of the house of God...**”

Prov. 4:13 **Take fast hold of instruction**; let *her* not go: keep her; for **she is thy life**.

Prov. 8:10 **Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. ...**

33 **Hear instruction, and be wise**, and refuse it not.

Prov. 10:17 **He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction**: but he that refuseth reproof **erreth**.

Prov. 12:1 **Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge**: but he that hateth reproof *is brutish*.

- The ramifications for NOT following the Lord's instructions is self-destruction.

Prov. 13:18 **Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction:** but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.

Prov. 15:32 **He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul:** but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.

Prov. 19:27 **Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.**

- The blessings of following the Lord's instructions is for our benefit.

Psa. 103:2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and **forget not all his benefits:**

Prov. 19:20 Hear counsel, and **receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.**

Prov. 23:12 **Apply thine heart unto instruction,** and thine ears to the words of knowledge.

2 Tim. 3:16 **All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable** for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, **for instruction in righteousness:**

IV. THE REPRESENTATIVE INVOLVEMENT – “...into the house that is to be built **to the name of the LORD.**”

A. God's Purpose for our Existence

1 Cor. 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or **whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.**

1 Jn. 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, **even as he walked.**

Eph. 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;
2 And **walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us**, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour. ...

8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are ye* light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

Col. 4:5 **Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.**

6 Let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, **that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.**

- Representing Christ is a spirituality endeavor hindered by our fleshly carnality.
- Our earthly representation of Christ can only be accomplished by His power working within us.

Phil. 2:13 For it is **God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.**

Eph. 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, **to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;**

Zech. 4:6b "...Not by might, nor by power, but **by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.**"

B. God's Plan for us on Earth

2 Cor. 5:18 And all things *are* of God, **who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ**, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 **Now then we are ambassadors for Christ**, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

Isa. 50:4 **The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned**, that I should know how to **speak a word in season to *him that is weary***: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear **to hear as the learned.**

Invite Your One

Conclusion

Jer. 10:23 O LORD, I know that the way of man *is* not in himself: ***it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.***

Psa. 37:23 **The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD:** and he delighteth in his way.

Psa. 119:133 **Order my steps in thy word:** and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

Initiate a plan...

- To read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation:
- To pray without ceasing:
- To attend every church service possible:
- To be a faithful steward in all things:
- To be a fruitful witness – ALL THE TIME...EVERYWHERE!
- To live daily for the Lord Jesus Christ because you love Him:
- To love one another.



THE ULTIMATE MOTIVATION FOR OUR EFFORTS
THROUGHOUT 2019

- LEARN THE SCRIPTURES.
- LIVE TO SERVE.
- LOVE THE SAVIOR.