

When I first heard the Lord say “Fortify Foundations” I immediately begin to sense that that we have new people here that need to have their Christian Foundations built and reinforced and especially in what we believe but then realized that there is something coming on the horizon.

A vast majority of people who call themselves Christies are contradicting Gods Word because of upbringings, traditions; ignorance of the Word; being pressured and manipulated by society, being bullied, intimidated and manipulated by those in the political arena and those positioned in power, influence and governmental.

Foundations: The foundation of any structure is what SUPPORTS THE LOADS AND KEEPS THE STRUVCTURE FROM SHIFTING AND COMING DOWN. The foundation of any structure starts with grading, forming up the outline of the base, compacting the ground, running plumbing before pouring the footers. How deep the footers are dug, rebar being positioned and the size of the rebar depends on the structure going up which would also dictate the size and depth of the pillars being laid. The rebar gives something for the concrete to attached to and reinforce the integrity of the concrete being laid and the overall integrity of the structure.

The foundation is the most important part of any structure. When that foundation has been compromised, it has to be addressed or eventually you will have stress fractures, shifting of walls, integrity of the overall project that could cause a collapse.

Fortify means to provide (a place) wit **defensive** works as protection against attack. Often times this means going back and refreshing what we believe and our basic doctrines of belief. This reinforces our beliefs and strengthens our faith in God, Jesus Christ and the written Word of God to stand against anything we face in life.

Main Text: Psalm 1:1–3 (NKJV) ¹Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ²But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. ³He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

This verse gives us several facts: Verse 3 is a result of verses 1 & 2.

- Blessed is the man who walks not counsel of ungodly; stands in the paths of sinners and does not sit in the seat of the scornful (judgment):
- Delight is to keep the Word of God before you continually
- You will continually prosper in everything you do.

Your foundation is the key to everything in life.

Foundational Text: Luke 6:47–49 (NKJV) ⁴⁷Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: ⁴⁸He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. ⁴⁹But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.”

1. **Going back to the word of God gives us insight and knowledge(V47)**
 - a. Digging deep will cause us to push through our emotions, flesh and manipulation from outside sources. (Anything outside you, the word, the Holy Spirit is outside sources)

man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

4. **Staying grounded in God's Word ensures we will hear from God, apply the Word of God and experience the Word of God.**

a. **2 Timothy 2:1,11-15 (NKJV)**, You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. (11) *This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him.*¹² If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us.¹³ If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself. ¹⁴ **Remind them of these things**, charging *them* before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers. ¹⁵ Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. ([2 Timothy 2:14-15](#), New Spirit-Filled Life Bible) (Proverbs 26:11;

i. **Strong in the grace: Strong:** *en-doo-nam-o'-o* From [G1722](#) and [G1412](#); to *empower*: - enable, (increase in) strength (-en), be (make) strong. **Grace:** divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including *gratitude*): - acceptable, benefit, favor, gift, grace (-ious), joy liberality, pleasure. (142 x in the word). Grace is also Gods unmerited strength to get the job done when we can't.

ii. **Remind them V14: v11-13**

1. **If you died with Him: Romans 6:3-3-4**

(NKJV) Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

2. Galatians 5:18-21 (NKJV) But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the

works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

iii. Be diligent: to make an effort.

b. Hearing God means that we must remove the noise that is causing us to not to hear accurately God. This could mean:

i. Removing people Romans 16:17-18 (NKJV) Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.¹⁸ For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

i. Removing shows/TV programs

ii. Removing Social Media (the more you troll and scroll the more you flesh begins to feed on gossip). Your eye gate is the center most access to the Soul. Your mind, will and emotions. This then has a direct impact on your spirit which in turns impacts your flesh.

Application

1. Anchor yourself in God's Word (Continually – listening, seeing)
2. Ask God what He wants and What His Word says in any given situation.
3. Remove the noise, those people, spiritual and environmental conditions that have a negative impact on you and the word of God inside you.

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4. Daily Maintenance. Be real about where you are at spiritually and be willing to reinforce your walk with God and reinforce your Godly Foundations.

God is separating goats and sheep; God is separating those who say they are Christians and they are not. God is separating those who cause division within the church. God has separated those in the political arenas that have decimated His (God's) Word, causing individuals to align themselves with ungodly individuals who prey on their emotions, upbringing, race and ideology. KNOW WHO YOU ARE IN COVENANT WITH!!