

# KNOW YOUR CHURCH, LOVE YOUR CHURCH

## *“The House that God Builds”*

(II Samuel 7:1-17; Psalm 127:1; Matthew 7:24-29;  
Ephesians 2:19-22; Hebrews 11:10)

Psalms 127:1 says,

*Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it!”*

Jesus said in John 14:2:

*“In My Father’s house are many mansions (the literal Greek is ‘monet’ which means abiding places), if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you (literally, it means that I go to prepare YOU a place – an abiding place) ... that where I am there you may be also.”*

### ❖ **A House of Purity** (II Samuel 7:14-15)

So how does the power of GRACE develop PURITY in our lives? Grace enables you to:

- G - Guard Your Heart (Proverbs 4:23-25)
- R - Resist the Enemy (Proverbs 4:26-27)
- A - Acknowledge the Lord (Proverbs 3:5-7)
- C - Commune with the Father
- E - Endure Hardship

### ❖ **A House of Peace** (II Samuel 7:16-17)

What it does mean is that we can have the REST OF GOD in the midst of conflict. This is the type of abode that God wants of you! How does this rest come? It must be:

- R - Received (Hebrews 4:1-10)
- E - Established (Hebrews 4:11-13)
- S - Secured (Hebrews 4:14-15)
- T - Tested (Hebrews 4:15-16)

### ❖ **A House of Prayer** (II Samuel 7:18-29; Matthew 21:13)

- H - Humble Ourselves
- E - Esteem Our Lord
- A - Align Our Lives
- R - Recognize His Authority

### ❖ **A House of Presence**

- A - Authority
- B - Blessing
- O - Order
- D - Delight
- E - Excellence