

# BUILDING FOR BLESSING

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## I. WHAT ARE YOU BUILDING IN YOUR LIFE?

**James 1:17** Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

**James 1:6-8** But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

**We must choose to build to support the blessing of God in our lives.**

## II. BUILDING FOR BLESSING

- Acts 1 Matthias comes before Acts 2 Pentecost.
- Acts 6 Widows Conflict come before Acts 8 Samaritan Miracle
- Acts 15 Council of Jerusalem comes before Acts 16 Missionary Journey

*A. God often does the structural before He does the supernatural.*

- Structural Before the Supernatural

*B. If you do not develop the structural in your life, you will not be able to bear the weight of the supernatural.*

- Build today in order to support God's blessing tomorrow.

## III. THREE SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLES FOR BUILDING BLESSING IN YOUR LIFE

*1. You Reap What You Sow.*

**2 Corinthians 9:6** Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

**Hosea 8:7** "They sow the wind and reap the whirlwind. The stalk has no head; it will produce no flour. Were it to yield grain, foreigners would swallow it up.

**Psalms 126:5-6** Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

**Galatians 6:7** Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

**A. Sowing and reaping is about saying yes and saying no.**

1. What do you want to reap?
2. What are you sowing?

**Acts 9:36-38** In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time, she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so, when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

**Acts 9:39** Peter went with them, and when he arrived, he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

**Acts 9:40-42** Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

**B. When you sow life into others, you reap life for others and yourself.**

## ***2. Preparation Precedes Blessing***

- Acts 1 Matthias comes before Acts 2 Pentecost.
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**A. The boring things are there for a reason.**

1. The boring brings the blessing.
2. You are at your best when you do the boring.

**Joshua 1:1-3** After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.

**B. Spend time in God's Word.**

1. Practice makes perfect.
2. Information feeds a burden.

### ***3. You Get What You Pray For***

**Luke 11:9-10** “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

**Ephesians 3:20-21** Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

#### **A. Blessing is built on a foundation of prayer.**

1. What are you praying for?
2. What blessings do you want in your life?
3. Are you praying for them?

#### **B. What is your prayer strategy?**

- Who?
- What?
- When?
- Where?
- Why?
- How?

#### **C. Are you building for blessing?**