

CONSTRUCTION: BUILDING FOR BLESSING

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I. INTRODUCTION

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

- Change
- Conflict
- Character
- Clarity
- Holy Spirit
- Construction

B. *It is important to examine our spiritual infrastructure in order to support the blessings of God in our lives.*

Psalms 139:1 You have searched me, LORD, and You know me.

Psalms 139:23-24 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

II. FOUR QUESTIONS FOR EXAMINING YOUR INFRASTRUCTURE

Psalms 139:23-24 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

1. *What is in my heart?*

Psalms 139:19-22 If only You, God, would slay the wicked! Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty! They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name. Do I not hate those who hate you, LORD, and abhor those who are in rebellion against you? I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies.

Jeremiah 17:9-10 The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? "I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve."

Psalms 139:1 You have searched me, LORD, and You know me.

If God searched my heart...

Psalms 139:2 You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar.

A. *What would God find in my attitudes?*

Psalm 139:3 You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways.

B. *What would God find in my actions?*

Psalm 139:4 Before a word is on my tongue You, LORD, know it completely.

C. *What would God find in my words?*

Psalm 139:5-6 You hem me in behind and before, and You lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

D. *What would God find in my thoughts about Him?*

Psalms 139:17-18 How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand— when I awake, I am still with you.

Psalms 139:13-16 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

E. *What would God find in my thoughts about me?*

Philippians 2:12-13 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

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2. *What is on my mind?*

Psalms 94:17-19 Unless the LORD had given me help, I would soon have dwelt in the silence of death. When I said, “My foot is slipping,” your unfailing love, LORD, supported me. When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy.

A. *Where do you need help?*

B. *Where do you need support?*

C. *Where do you need joy?*

Psalms 55:22 Cast your cares on the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken.

1 Peter 5:6-7 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because he cares for you.

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3. *What is in my way?*

Psalms 19:12-14 But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

A. *What is hidden can still hurt you.*

Psalms 19:12-14 But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Psalms 119:133 Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.

B. *What you choose not to control will eventually control you.*

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4. *What way should I go?*

Proverbs 4:18 The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

5. *Holy Spirit, what construction needs done in my life?*