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Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:7-11

**1 Corinthians 3:7-11 (NKJV)** So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. 8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. 10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. 11 **For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

**2 Timothy 2:19-21 (NKJV)** **Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands**, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity." 20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. 21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

### Introduction

Use as an example, the building of Trinity Assembly of God in Farmington, NM. Show what happens when an improper foundation is used.

### I. Having a stable foundation

**2 Timothy 2:19-21 (NKJV)** Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands ....

#### A. Believing the Word of God

**2 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV)** All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

#### B. Implementing the Word in our lives

**Philippians 4:9 (NIV)** Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me -- **put it into practice.** And the God of peace will be with you.

**Matthew 7:24 (NIV)** Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and **puts them into practice** is like a wise man who built his house on a rock.

#### C. Disregarding the Lie

**Romans 16:19 (NKJV)** For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; **but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple (NIV: innocent)**

concerning evil.

### II. Following the master plan

**1 Corinthians 3:10 (NKJV)** According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

#### A. Knowing His purpose for your life

**2 Timothy 1:9 (NKJV)** who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, **not according to our works, but according to His own purpose** and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

**Romans 8:28 (NKJV)** And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those **who are the called according to His purpose.**

1. God's purpose relates to our design
2. God's will relates to the implementation of our design
3. We cannot perform His will His will in our lives until we understand His purpose

#### B. Following His will for your life

**Acts 21:12-14 (NKJV)** Now when we heard these things, both we and those from that place pleaded with him not to go up to Jerusalem. 13 Then Paul answered, "What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." 14 So when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, "The will of the Lord be done."

#### C. Living out your uniqueness

### III. Coordinating the labor

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**2 Timothy 2:20-21 (NKJV)** But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. 21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

#### A. Letting God direct the work

#### B. Following the plan instead of "innovative ideas"

1. Assures the project will fit together
2. Prevents future conflicts

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