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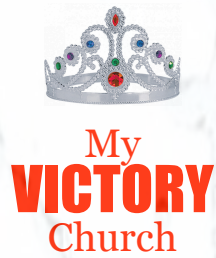


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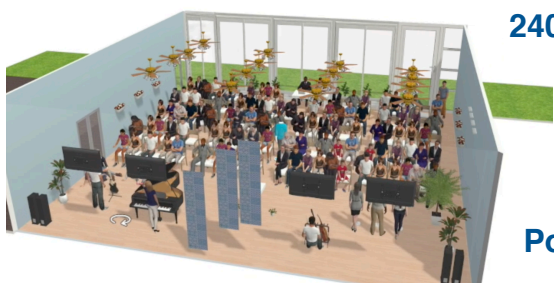
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Everybody wants to build their lives. However, very few know and apply the right approaches in building their lives. What it takes to build your life is what you are going to learn. How can you build a beautiful, successful, and happy life in God? This is what we're going to talk about.

Before sharing with you this wonderful topic <<Building Your Life>> I would like you to read Jesus Christ's words as written in the Gospel of Mathew chapter 7, verse 24. Read the Scripture in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus says, "Whoever hears my teachings and obeys them is like a wise man who built his house on rock." This is really wonderful.

This message consists of five sections –live in the truth, do what is right, listen, trust in God, and lastly, show good manners– which will be separately discussed in details. Excerpts.....

SECTION # 1 LIVE IN THE TRUTH

In life, we have two ways to do things. This is particularly for those who have some sort of faith and you might be one of them. Through the two ways we can handle everything in life as well as your spiritual walk with God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

When the Lord says that He will bless those who hear and obey His teachings, He says, whomever does that, he is like the one who built a house on the rock. It's a solid foundation. Build your life on a solid foundation. The good foundation which is referred to here is the truth.

There are two approaches to every situation and by which you can make a decision. First approach is a classic way which is based on lying. It's all about a lie. There are people that

can't handle the truth. They just love to live in a fantasy world. A lie is the default setting of their lives.

Other people prefer the truth, live the truth, apply the truth in everything they do, and everything is true and correct in their lives. Contrarily, those people who don't like, live and apply the truth are living a fake life. They are always dishonest. A lie is their capital base invested in their lives. The outcomes of their choice is living unfulfilled life.

Do you really believe in the truth? What is the truth? The truth is the Lord Jesus Christ. The truth is that there is one God, one Holy Spirit that dwells on earth and touches us. All of us, everybody. The truth is that God wants to save the world, but not everyone is saved yet. The truth is that the ones who saved by God are those who received that gift of salvation by faith, by grace, by the preaching of the Gospel. It is those who surrender it to God, humble themselves before God to receive blessing of salvation.

That's the truth. They are children of God. But the dishonest and the fake people are not living in the truth. They pretend everything. I challenge you to choose honesty life today to be a child of God, and build a life that you were meant to live or it was predestined for you. Let's face it today.

What about you and your relationship with God? Do you have this honest, truthful relationship with God or you are a kind of person that loves to lie and you live in a fake way, pretending that you are someone else. That will not work out in building your life.

Are you honest and sincere in your prayers, behavior, and everything you are thinking, saying and doing? Are you truthful and honest in your relationship with God or you are the kind of person that loves to lie and you live in a fake way, impersonating everybody? Do you have those characteristics and you just don't believe you are not even certain that you are a child of God?

Perhaps you have questions about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Bible. You question the church, you question everything. The foundation that Jesus Christ talks about encompasses living the truth, be honest with yourself.

Those who live honest life realize that they need the grace of God, do the right things, are truthful in their approaches and prayers to God. They don't embrace living a fake ways. They have set themselves away from fake life because that's not the way the Bible teaches us to live.

Amidst serious needs we sometimes seek help from people we trust, banks, the company, in our business or whatever but only to find nothing can help. That's where most people put their trust. It's wrong. Only living in the truth can work out for this. Live in the truth, be honest to God.

There are people who don't know how to be honest with others. These people are dishonest even to themselves and to God. They are so used to that.

It happens in workplaces among coworkers; in homes between husband and wife, lying to each other saying, "I love you. I want to be with you the rest of my life." But in reality it's not true. All a lie.

A beautiful, successful, and happy life in God can never be built on a lie, promising things that cannot be fulfilled to children, parents, spouse, and friends. It's horrible. But this is the reality people are accustomed to this way of life: dishonesty, lie, and impersonation. It is better you know and decide which side you are belonging to – living in the truth or faking your life. <<Believing in the truth is the way to go>>

SECTION # 2 DO WHAT IS RIGHT

Actions speak louder and eloquently more than words. Through actions people know if you are a real person or a fake one. Your actions present to others what kind of person you are, your inner heart. Should you don't fake life, you will do what's right with God, family, friends, coworkers, and anybody else. This's the second approach of building a beautiful, successful, and happy life.

When we do what is right our relationship with God, husband and/or wife, children, coworkers, and friends becomes strongly meaningful, joyous, and more importantly productive.

However, some people opt for shortcut. Here's is where people do things contrarily to what God wants us to. Prayers are not sincere, no devotion, a lot of drama, pretending reading the Bible while you don't.

Most of people that don't like doing the right things normalize and endorse their wrongdoings by giving endless excuses. Excuses are their shield to continue doing things which are not right. You will find them saying, "If nobody does it right, why should I bother doing the right things?"

Should you really want to build your life, you are obliged to comply with the two things: Live in the truth and do what is right. And the right thing to do is to worship and serve God now. Serve others in your home. Share with Lord what He has blessed you with.

Don't be a person who finds excuse whenever it comes to honesty and doing the right things. Don't give excuse for not worshiping and serving God. Unfounded reasons for not sharing what you have with others in need. The two approaches – Live in the Truth and Do What is Right – define our lives.

Your future can be rescued or buried today just for not being wise to choose the appropriate approaches. If you choose these two approaches, your promising future is guaranteed. Contrary to that do not wonder why your life is full of disasters. The approaches you have opted for are compatible with disaster not a good life. Stop wondering. You need to change. Adapt to the approaches that are compatible with a good life, and your life will transform.

It doesn't matter what is going on out there. It doesn't matter the status of the economy, whether it's in recess or whatever bad it is. What matters is God. And your obligation is there to be fulfilled.

Some people say, "I'm old enough. I'm already done. I'm done. I'm ready to go to heaven." Where is this voice coming from? Is it a God's call or someone else's? Or, an excuse for doing the right things? To do what is right requires effort, focus, and consistency.

This is a challenge. Any person is to decide. “Am I going to do it right or wrong?” “Am I going to treat people nicely or mistreat them?” “Am I going to share what God has given me with Him and others in need or hoard them all?” Define yourself what kind of a person are you? The one who lives in the truth and doing the right things or the other way?

The approaches to build our life are there, it's up to you to grab them to your advantage. <<Building Your Life> And the keys are these: Live in the Truth and Do What is Right.

SECTION # 3 LEARN TO LISTEN

The third step is to learn to listen, which is the biggest problem today. It is pathetic.

It has become a common thing in our society that people don't care about listening. This happens everywhere. Someone calls trying to talk to somebody in a company, whether it's for health reasons, for a banking reasons, trying to set up an account or whatever they need to be assisted with but nobody cares to listen to. The behavior crossed the line that it is common even to family members and friends. Perhaps you want to come up with a solution for a certain problem, yet nobody cares to listen. This is the version of our society today.

It's unfortunate that people don't know the importance of listening that's why they don't lend their ears to others. It's through listening we learn a lot if not everything. Rejecting to listen is like declining knowledge and opportunities knocking your door. Can you afford continue losing all the knowledge and opportunities just for not being a listener? The ball is on our court whether to be a good or bad listener and, of course, for each approach you opt for has its impacts to your life.

It is amusing to see people blaming someone else for their own problems. These are the people who neither listen nor paying attention to others but when it comes to their life difficult they complain and blame everybody. Listening to your own voice everyday doesn't help. Listen to others who will impart you with new knowledge and connect you to the opportunities that will build our life.

Problems will never stop preying on us if we don't build our life based on the truth. In fact, problems will be our new norm. They will live with us forever. But when we accept the truth that God is the Provider and the King, and listen to and obey the teachings of Jesus Christ, our lives are going to change for real. A beautiful, successful, and happy life is guaranteed.

SECTION # 4 TRUST IN GOD

Life is built on a willingness to change so that we can trust in God. Change and become a person who listens and trusts in God. The Lord says, "I am your Father, Provider, and Healer. The Lord loves you and promises to go with you anywhere, everywhere and whenever. His presence in our lives is guaranteed if we trust in Him.

Some older people would be like, "I wish somebody would tell me this and that." They latter realized that if they would have paid attention and listened to the teachings and/or somebody, living the truth, and trust the Lord, their lives would have been different. They could have built the life of their dreams.

As noted in the previous paragraphs, listening is the source of our knowledge and a gateway to opportunities. We might be wanting to build a house but without listening to others can we manage it? We must listen to, trust in God, and pay attention to what God says so we can get knowledge on what we want to build. We may have all the tools but without idea how to go about it, it's meaningless, and the life will never be built whatsoever. If we trust in God, He will give us countless ideas to build our life successfully.

God is the Master Constructor, the Architect, who can design, build, and finish the house. He knows what the foundation is strong enough on which the house could be built. Those who trust in Him, He supplies them with the material compatible in building a successful life. But those who don't trust in God, building a successful, beautiful, and happy life is their daydream never come true.

SECTION # 5 SHOW GOOD MANNERS

Good manners are actions which are socially accepted or appropriate. For those who don't show good manners are considered as less self-respectful. Excuse makers out there will be asking, "How necessary is it? Good manners encompass responding to people who called, texted, and emailed just to greet you. Respond to all incoming call, texts, and emails. By doing that, we will be proving that we are people with good manners.

"One day I was highly impressed with something that a friend of mine did. He decided to send a letter to a restaurant asking for selling chicken business." And the letter for the feedback read, "Dear neighbor, we want to inform you that we have chicken for sale, especially this season. If you are interested, let us know. Here's the phone number for the store manager."

"My friend did an amazing thing. He took a picture of the letter, his business card." He wrote, thank you so much. He took the picture of all the stuff and sent to the lady manager introduced herself on the feedback email." This's really a good manners.

Stop ignoring calls and texts. Start responding to them. Accept calls and reply texts accordingly. When someone calls or texts you means they care for you. Show good manners by responding to their calls and texts accordingly. Let them know that you care for them too, equally. People are incomparably valuable than money. Ignoring calls or texts that don't talk about money is wrong. People can make money but the latter can't make the former. Be wise and show good manners by caring who cares for us, and our life will be good.

The Lord says, "Learn from me that I am humble and meek." The current generation seems to be quite different from what Jesus Christ wants us to be: Humble and Meek.

The lack of good manners has created a world of sarcasm and cruel jokes, which is precisely the opposite. There are no humble hearts, no meekness at all. It's just pride every time, everywhere, and anywhere.

It is impossible to build life without doing the right things, believing in the truth, listening, trusting in God, and showing good manners. Blessings are assured to those who show good manners. If you learn to show good manners God will bless you for real and build your life.

Most of the senior people in their sixties, seventies and eighties or whatever when asked about their life would quickly respond saying, “I remember when someone was nice to me. I remember when somebody was so kind to me.” If you are humble and meek, and caring for others, you are going to be remembered.

It's when we show good manners doors open for opportunities to come into our life. Our business flourish. Law of attraction for the good things works better when we show good manners to others.

Referring the Scripture from the book of Matthew 7 chapter 24 Lord Jesus says, “Whoever hears my teachings and obeys them is like a wise man who built his house on rock.”

The floods came and hit the house but it never fall because it was built on rock. These teachings tell that there are days ahead of us when there will be torrential downpour, winds, and floods. We need to get prepared by building our house on the rock so that when all these calamities hit, the house can withstand. When we build our life in the word of God we can weather all the adversities come our way.

There are days that everyone will have troubles. The rich and the poor. The healthy and the sick ones. All races. It doesn't matter your age and education. Rainy days will hit everyone. However, those who listen to and trust in God, show good manners, and do what is right will overcome whatever the circumstances. But those who live the opposite way will be complaining everybody. Their hearts will be cowardly shaking because they aren't built on the rock, incapable to weather the currents.

Let your heart be encouraged by this word: <<It rained heavily. The floods came and the winds blew and beat against that house. But it did not fall because it was built on rock>>

If you live by following the good approaches shared in this piece just rest assured that your house is not going to fall. It is built on the unshakable rock. Jesus is the rock. He is unmovable mover.

A testimony of my spiritual journey

“Many years ago in my twenties I was just a new believer. I was longing for something, especially my life. I wanted the truth. I was looking for true friendship. I wanted honesty through relationships besides my family. I wanted to explore the world and learn about life. But, something more I wanted so badly, was honest relationships. And I thought I found it in church. And for awhile, I was happy. I felt this is it. Here is the place where the truth is going to be said all the time with honesty, purity, sincerity, and true Christian Love.” I believed that way for sometimes but only to find latter that I was wrong.”

“After a while I learned that it was not that way. Precisely. And I learned from the words of the Lord, Jesus Christ, when He says let the wheat and the weed both grow together. But I decided I'm not going to let those fake and unfaithful individuals affect me. So I will do what is right. I want to believe in the Bible and believe in the truth. And I'm going to apply it to my life.”

I don't care if they are laughing at me because when the songs come out, I am worshiping the Lord and I lift up my hands. I don't care if they are mocking me because I write cheques to support my church. I don't care if they laugh at me because when I see my pastor, I got to greet him and carry his briefcase. And I opened the door for him because I wanted to honor my pastor.”

“I didn't care what people thought of me. I wanted the truth so desperately, but I saw the fake, the false, and the lie. The dishonest years passed by eventually the Lord called me to the ministry. I went to school. I became an ordained minister. And the day I became amongst the pastors. And I felt so honored. I am in my late thirties back then in the nineties. And I felt, this is it. This is what I wanted. It took a little while to find out the truth. Not all of them were real and honest. Not all of them did the right things, including myself.”

“I learned with the passing of the years that there is one perfect person in this world, including myself.” But one important lesson is that God keeps faithful and He receives the humble one who repents, and He forgives. Whoever does something wrong may humble themselves and come before God and say, “Lord, I am sorry. I have learned that it doesn't matter how bad I messed up. I am humbly coming to you asking for your forgiveness.”

God will always embrace you whenever you repent your sins. He will receive you back to His Kingdom. He will love and forgive and remember your sins no more because He is the true God.

I hope this message might be getting you back on the right track. It gets you back to believing in the truth, trusting in God, not complaining, not fighting, not blaming, not hoarding. Not looking for reasons to hate and fight with people, but to love and cooperate with people, willing to give and share and to build your life unless you are going to destroy your life.

God loves everybody that's why He wants us to be successful. What this message shares with you are the keys to build a beautiful, successful and happy life in God. The ball is on your court. Be wise to choose and apply the approaches that will work out for you.

Prayer to repent and reconnect with God: As the message ends, I invite you to pray with me: “Dear God, you did it again. My Lord, you showed me that I keep making the same mistakes over and over again. I am so sorry. Please forgive me. You are the only One that is certain in life. You are my God. I open my heart to you, Lord. I confess my sins before you. I need to change. I want to obey you and trust you and serve you forever. My Lord, starting today, I want to see life and people exactly as you do. Please help me. Lord.”

Everything starts on the cross. The beautiful cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, where everything can be different for you. With faith pronounce these words with me, “I am forgiven and saved by faith in Jesus. Therefore I can also declare my life is going to be great and blessed, Amen”

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