Build With Costly Materials

There is no other firm foundation other than that of our lord Jesus Christ. Every other foundation not of Him is of evil, because man born into sin has a foundation and a structure of evil in Him. Glory to God, He sent His son, that receiving him to gain Lordship over outlives, every old foundation of sin shall be broken down and a new one in Christ Jesus established.

Everybody born again has a foundation on the word in their heart, you're not the one who sets it, it is Jesus Christ through his word. Just as he sets it, it is up to you the workman, to decide if you'll continue with the construction or even worse, destroy the foundation. The moment we heard the Gospel, a foundation was laid in our heart, I don't know from whom or where you've heard it, even I don't know when moment I heard the true gospel, but as the scripture says;

" Paul planted, Apollos waters," that is; Paul delivered the gospel and then, Apollos was the one in charge to strengthen the converts so they won't falter. Now it's your turn to water your heart, keep building it, or will you leave it unchecked? Corinthians 3:10-15

" By the grace God has given me, i laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man builds in this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he'll receive his reward. If it is burnt up he'll suffer loss, he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames. "

The foundation has already been laid in the hearts of every believer, but right from time, more especially today, most believers are having a hard time building on this foundation which is the word of God to establish God's kingdom in our heart.

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We are building God's word in our heart to prepare us for his glorious kingdom, our heavenly dwelling. God has a place prepared for us, but in other to get there we need to pass through the fire, the trials of life, these fire has destroyed many, those who chose to be ungodly, forgetting that indulging in ungodly things leads to more ungodliness, the true believers will scale through unscathed, some will get burnt, but still survive.

God has laid the foundation, but the attitude of the heart, of the builder matters. Today we are faced with the trials of life, not to destroy us, but to strengthen us, to make us fit to reign and rule with Christ forever. But some of us who are weak, instead of facing these trials head on, knowing that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and

character, hope. And hope does not fail because we know that Christ will see us through, because He will never let us face a trial more than we can bear. They tend to lay other foundations other than that of Jesus Christ.

You know what happens when the backbone of a construction is weak. Take for example; during a bridge construction, the foundations are firmly driven into the riverbeds, but no matter how well laid the foundations are, as long as you used the wrong material in constructing the other sections of the bridge, when the weights, and pressure keeps building up, it'll eventually come crashing down. So it is with our Christian lives.

Every Christian is to be tested to qualify into God's kingdom, so they won't turn out like Lucifer. But this is where most of our problems comes from today, because we lack the word of God in our heart, our foundation isn't strong enough, so when faced with trials, some tend not to remember that in every trial there is a silver lining, that at the end of it we'll be strengthened and achieve our rewards both here on earth and in heaven.

Many want a way out of their trials quickly rather than perseverance, they don't call it trial, they call it suffering. Your trial could be poverty, sickness, death of someone dear to you, so many kinds of trial. But the devil as cunning as he is, will start speaking to your heart;

" if you truly are a child of God why are you sick,"

You know some of us will pray for others to get well and they will, but when they are sick and pray, and nothing happens, they'll say;

" well, maybe I don't have faith, maybe I'm a sinner."

If you continue to wallow in these doubt that you are not God's own, Satan will pull you away slowly. Is it in your business, you want to find every possible means to top up your income, either through cheating, bribery or embezzlement. The faith of students are being tested even more these days, instead of studying and trusting God, some, even after cheating will still pray to God to give them good grades.

All these shortcuts will solve our problems quickly, but only temporarily, you'll eventually end up postponing the evil day, and when the bag is full, it'll burst open and the worst possible outcome you'll get. All that you have enjoyed will be replace with the worse possible suffering, and this might draw most of them even farther from God. This is the reason most believers suffer today.

As for the wise they'll wait in patience, trusting the Lord and build their houses with golds and costly material, that when passed through the fire they won't get burnt. While those who builds with wood and straws, wanting to find their own way through life instead of walking diligently with God, will get burnt, though might have eternal life, but still struggle through life to get there. They have their life rough not because they were unfortunate, yes God has the time set for men

and the particular place for them to stay, but still he has a great purpose for each and everyone of us, only if you choose to walk with Him always will his purpose for you be fulfilled, and a life of rest and peace.

Most of our achievement today aren't what God wants for us, if you know what He wants for you, you'll drop everything and following His path, that is why no matter how rich some may become, they still live in suffering and loss.

Every child of God has a duty to build on the foundation of Christ laid in his heart, there is no such thing as a stagnant Christian, the height you attain in your spiritual growth, is the maximum level the powers of hell will challenge you. The more you grow, the more Satan and his cahoots tries harder, but with Christ, you'll always be above them, because he has authority over them all. Jesus has all authority, and if you in Him and Him in you, so also you share in His power to be victorious. But if you choose not to build, these forces will come in like a flood and sweep you house away.

A true believer has his place already in God's kingdom, but as far as life is concerned, failure to build with costly materials, that is; following and trusting God at all cost, losing it all for Him, will make him end up getting burnt on his way to the Kingdom, and even reduces his heavenly reward, because those who run the race following all it's rule will be rewarded greatly than he who bends the rule a little.

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