

## God's Plan Part 3: Building Myself for God's Purpose

*"But the **plans** of the Lord stand firm forever, the **purposes** of his heart through all generations."  
Psalms 33:11 NIV*

*"For we are co-workers in God's service; **you are** God's field, God's building. By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should **build with care**. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their 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 person's work**. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames. Don't you know that **you yourselves are God's temple** and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?" 1 Corinthians 3:9-16 NIV*

✓ I'm unaware.

✓ It seems complicated.

✓ I'm too busy.

✓ I'm not ready.

✓ I feel unworthy.

## Building Myself For God's Purpose

### 1. God's Building.

*"The foundation of **relationships** and **connectedness**."*

*"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, **I never knew you**. Away from me, you evildoers!" "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who **built his house on the rock**. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its **foundation on the rock**."*

*Matthew 7:21-25 NIV*

*"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and **builds itself** up in love, as each part does its work." Ephesians 4:16 NIV*

*"**Connect** with God and others **every day**."*

## 2. God's Field.

"The structure of **purpose** and **routines**."

"For I know the **plans** I have for you," declares the LORD, "**plans** to prosper you and not to harm you, **plans** to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

"Discover my **purpose** and make a **difference**."

## 3. God's Temple.

"The **beauty** and **joy** of living a **Godly life**."

"Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, **be filled** with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and **making music** to the Lord in your **hearts**." Ephesians 5:18-19 NLT

"But you, dear friends, must **build each other up** in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life. In this way, you will keep yourselves safe in **God's love**." Jude 1:20-21 NLT

"Fill your life with **Godly things**."

## 4. Co-Workers in God's Service.

"What I'm a part of **is bigger** than the part I play."

"Then Moses said to the Israelites, "See, the Lord has **chosen** Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and he has **filled him with the Spirit of God**, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills— to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of artistic crafts. "And he has **inspired him to teach**, both him and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan. So Bezalel, Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord has given skill and ability to know how to carry out all the work of constructing the sanctuary are to do the work just as the Lord has commanded." Then Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord had given ability and **who was willing** to come and do the work. They received from Moses all the offerings the Israelites had brought to carry out the work of **constructing the sanctuary**." Exodus 35:30-34, 36:1-3 NIV/ESV

"Remember that we are **in this together**."