

The following is an excerpt from Pastor Drew's soon to be released book entitled, *Kingdom Construction*.

PERTINATE PREREQUISITES

There is acceleration in the spirit realm and with great enthusiasm the people of God are beginning to embrace their destinies and "build" for His Kingdom. To "build" for Him means to make the right decisions that move you closer to His will for your life.

The Body of Christ is hearing the voice of God in this hour with clarity as He is speaking exactly as He did in the days of Isaiah the prophet.

Isaiah 66:1 – Thus says the Lord: "Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?"

With all this spiritual construction taking place, it's important for us to consider the prerequisites to building in the spirit. Natural things reveal spiritual things and there are always prerequisites to building in the natural. The days of just showing up and breaking ground are over. Today, before you can begin building a house, you must make sure the land meets certain criteria, make sure the paperwork is in order and finally that you have access to the funds necessary to complete the structure.

Carefully examine the following "forerunners" to your next spiritual decision.

#1. God Requires Pure Motives

Genesis 11:3-5 – "Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly", They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, "Come let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built."

Take notice that this people were intent upon building a tower so that it would make a name for themselves. Many people today are building for the same reasons. What you do for God should be for God and not for you. We must stop periodically in this walk of faith and check our motives. We must make sure that we are not serving God for the benefit package, but we are loving Him because He first loved us.

We may fool many people in this life, but we will never fool God. He knows the reasons behind what we do. He knows what motivates us. If there is an impure motive in what you're doing for Him, you should know that He's definitely going to come take a look at what you're building. If you're doing something for you and pretending like its for Him – STOP!

#2. God Requires The Right Season

Ecclesiastes 3:3 – "...a time to tear down, a time to build".

Some have genuinely pure motives, but begin construction out of season.

Patience is a virtue. I've learned in my years of ministry that birthing things prematurely in the Spirit does not mean that they'll necessarily die, but rather they may be somewhat defective. Missing the right time will often cause you more headache than its worth and definitely more headache than God wants you to have.

Knowing the will of God is of the most importance, however, knowing the timing runs a close second.

#3. God Requires Us To Be Surrendered

Psalm 127:1 – "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it..."

This text does not at all imply that we are not to build, for if it did we would be without action or works in what we do for Him. The Bible says that "faith without works or action is dead." Some have quoted this scripture to say, "You don't need to do it, just let God do it." However, you may need to read the text again, for it simply states that there are two builders; they are the Lord and whoever labors in the construction.

You see, the Lord has a great plan, but he carries out His plan through us, that is, His people. In short, if you're ready to do something for God, you will have to do it, but you will have to be surrendered to Him. The Apostle Paul said it like this, "It is not I that lives, but Christ that lives in me".

God is not looking for the person with the right look, right degree or right amount of money, but He's looking for the surrendered vessel. A surrendered vessel says, "Use me God! I'll do what you want me to do! I'll say what you want me to say! I'll go where you want me to go. I'm yielded to be your hands and feet extended oh Lord!