

BUILT TO LAST

How to Build a Successful Marriage and Family

HOW FIRM IS YOUR FOUNDATION?

Psalm 127:1-5

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Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman keeps awake in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to retire late, to eat the bread of painful labors; for He gives to His beloved even in his sleep. Psalm 127:1-2

What does it take to have a successful marriage and family?

1. It takes the right homebuilder.

- A. You and I don't have what it takes to build a happy home.
- B. The LORD is the one who can build a happy home.
 - * He only builds for friends, and He invites you to be one.

2. It takes the right foundation.

- A. You and I must build on God's Word.
Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock. Matthew 7:24
- B. You and I are fools if we hear and don't obey.
And everyone who hears these words of mine, and doesn't act upon them, will be like a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand. Matthew 7:26

3. It takes the right watchman.

- A. The devil is lurking, and he wants to destroy your home.
 - 1. He uses drugs and alcohol to destroy your home.
 - 2. He uses sexual immorality to destroy your home.

3. He uses unresolved conflict to destroy your home.
 4. He uses plain old selfishness to destroy your home.
- B. You and I need to live sold out to Jesus every day.
*But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.
Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent
and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you,
and will remove your lampstand out of its place--unless
you repent. Revelation 2:4-5*

Be honest. How firm is your foundation?