

**Objective: to call every believer to make certain of their personal foundations.**

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## **Prepared for Last-Days Living**

“The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; *planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God.* They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, “The Lord is upright; he is my Rock....” Ps. 92:12-15.

“The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But *since he has no root*, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away.” Matt. 13:20-21.

### **Introduction**

As we process our “Wexit,” we must ask ourselves, “Why would God give us a great building?”

Answer: Because it will enable us to

- hold the coming harvest (Mt. 13:39)
- disciple believers (Matt. 28:19)
- reach the world (Mk. 16:15)
- finish our individual and collective **assignment**. (Rom. 14:12; 2 Tim.4:7,8).

We must allow the Holy Spirit to draw us into Him so much, that He can use our lives for His glory. To fail in this, is to live in the default and dangerous position of religious tradition—simply trying to ‘get

through the days of our lives with as much blessing as we can, attending church services and ‘minding our own business.’ Ja.4:14.

**Ps. 92:12-14; Ps. 1:1-3; Jer. 17:8; Mt. 13:15; Eph. 2:19-22 NLT**

**VS**

**Attender**

**Planted in the House**

<b>Attends Meetings</b>	<b>Engaged in growing relationships</b>
<b>Watches others serve</b>	<b>Serves others with joy</b>
<b>Attends to gain primarily</b>	<b>Loses self in corporate purpose</b>
<b>Survivalist mentality</b>	<b>Looking to make others succeed</b>
<b>Always needing help &amp; support</b>	<b>Busy helping &amp; supporting others</b>
<b>In/Out Sundays</b>	<b>Stops to engage, pray, fellowship</b>
<b>Relates to others on Sundays</b>	<b>Shares life outside of Sunday mtg</b>
<b>Lives in relative social isolation</b>	<b>Building lifelong friendships</b>
<b>Identifies with the church</b>	<b>Has a deep sense of belonging to a family</b>
<b>Gaining info &amp; inspiration (Luke 8:13)</b>	<b>Growing up into Christ in mature relationship to Jesus &amp; others</b>
<b>Minimal financial support</b>	<b>Selfless, faith-filled sowing</b>
<b>Inconsistent</b>	<b>Faithful (Isa. 1:26)</b>
<b>Living a feeling-based life</b>	<b>Living a Word-based life</b>
<b>Hears the Word</b>	<b>Has the Word planted in them (James 1:21-25)</b>
<b>Always measures inconvenience</b>	<b>Sold out to God and His Church</b>

Often we can find reasonings appear in our mind (excuses) why we can not do what seems impossible:

- I am too busy
- I am too tired
- I have family
- My work takes us most of my time
- I don't have anything to offer

Jesus was familiar with these expressed and non-expressed reasons for failing to follow Him in discipleship...Luke 9:59-62