

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

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

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