

Building

PCI's 5 B's - part 4

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The long-haul of life is building and relating. We are to build disciples, followers of Jesus. Marriages have to be built; they just don't happen. Children have to be built toward adulthood. A business has to be built. Your finances have to be built. A career has to be built. Ministry to people has to be built. There is no magic wand that just makes these things happen.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was a man who helped **build** something, a better America. It wasn't built "overnight," and it wasn't built "in a day." It wasn't built at his leisure, "in his spare time," or as a hobby. He didn't "dabble" at civil rights. He knew what "ought to be" and he dedicated himself to the task. He was committed. Finally, he built *wisely*--only the non-violent method could have prevailed.

God calls us to be **builders** of His kingdom. You have a part in *making* disciples.

DAY 1: Building disciples (followers of Jesus)

*Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore, as you are going **make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."*

1. With divine authority He gives us our mandate. There is *one* objective.
2. For each of the following verses jot down what a "disciple" is:

John 15:8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.

Luke 6:40 A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully taught will be like his teacher.

Luke 14:26 If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters--yes, even his own life--he cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:27 And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple

Luke 14:33 In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.

4. What strikes you most about becoming a "disciple?"

5. Which of these needs your attention this week?

DAY 2: Steps toward becoming a growing disciple

*Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore, as you are going **make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ **teaching them to obey** all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."*

1. Yesterday, we learned that our mandate is to "make disciples" of all nations. What two activities are necessary to do that?

2. The first activity is baptism. Why do you think baptism is so important in making disciples?

3. The second activity involves "teaching" them, but Jesus is very specific about the kind of teaching they are to get! (v. 20)
 - a. What is the "curriculum?"

 - b. What is the *outcome* of the teaching to be?

4. Obedience is one of the hallmarks of a disciple.

Luke 6:46 "Why do you call me, "Lord, Lord," but not do what I tell you?"

5. What is Jesus saying to us in Luke 6:46?

6. Is there an area of your life where obedience is lacking? What is it?

7. Could you use some help in this area? If so, who is someone you know that you could have coffee or breakfast with this week?

8. Set up your appointment. Then pray for your appointment. Ask God to give your friend wisdom, and to give you an open heart.

DAY 3 Examples of the necessity of building

1. We are called to be builders: builders of disciples, of marriages, of families, of people's lives, yet of ourselves it is an impossible task. Thankfully, God is the Master Builder and He calls us to be co-laborers with Him.

2. A strong marriage has to be built.

Ephesians 5:21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. ²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh, ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

3. A church or a ministry has to be built:

*Ephesians 4:11 And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, **for building up the body of Christ,** ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ; ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the cunning of men, by their craftiness in deceitful wiles. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, **when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love.***

4. Finances have to be built:

*Proverbs 13:11 Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money **little by little** makes it grow.*

5. Is there an area from today's study where you should focus attention in building?

6. Is there an action step to take?

DAY 4: More examples of the need to be a builder

1. Trust has to be built:

Luke 16:10 Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

¹³ *"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."*

2. In the following verses **underline** what has to be built:

Colossians 2:6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Acts 20:32 And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

1 Thess. 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Jude 1:20 But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit;

Matthew 16:18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it.

Romans 15:20 ...thus making it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on another man's foundation,

1 Corinthians 10:23 "All things are lawful," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up.

3. A final word. When we go about **building** anything that we think more important than God we invite Him into the process to "UN-build." This is learning the hard way, the unnecessary way.

Malachi 1:4 If Edom says, "We are shattered but we will rebuild the ruins," the LORD... says "They may build, but I will tear down, till they are called the wicked country, the people with whom the LORD is angry forever."

4. What is an area that God is challenging you to build?