
Church

*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 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.*

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

What are some building materials?

Prov. 14:23 All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

Prov. 6:6 Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!⁷ It has no commander, no overseer or ruler,⁸ yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.⁹ How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep?¹⁰ A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—¹¹ and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man.

Prov. 15:19 The way of the sluggard is blocked with thorns, but the path of the upright is a highway.²² Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

A warning: building is not guaranteed!!

Zephaniah 1:13 Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them."

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Building

Who Is PCI? - part 4

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The most important things in life have to be built.

What is God building? What are you building?

Philippians 2:12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

His people

Eph. 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

People: disciples

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."

Great Commandment and the Great **Commission**

What is a "disciple?"

John 8:31 Jesus then said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples,³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

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

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 If anyone does not deny himself and take up his own cross he cannot follow Me.*

Luke 14:33 Whoever does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

■ *Gal. 5:22 The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

• Relationships:

John 13:34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.³⁵ By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

■ *Ephesians 5:21-33*

Deuteronomy 6:4-10

• Responsibilities:

Finances

■ *2 Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."*

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

■ *1 Timothy 5:8 Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

Work

■ *Colossians 3:22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.²⁵ Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism. 4 Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.*
