

We Built this City...

(Psalm 127: 1)



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We built this city on rock and roll

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In vain you rise early and stay up late,
toiling for food to eat—for he grants
sleep to those he loves. Sons are
a heritage from the LORD, children
a reward from him. Like arrows in
the hands of a warrior are sons born
in one's youth.

(Psalm 127:2-4)



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long-term value and legacy ...

- 1. When you work hard for your own
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- Too busy with work?
- Think only the wife should do it?
- Don't have a deep faith themselves to impart?
- Don't know how to do it?
- Leave it to Sunday School / YM / Church to do it?
- All the above?



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**2. When you depend on authority, structures and boundaries
alone rather than take responsibility to live out and voice
your God-called values**

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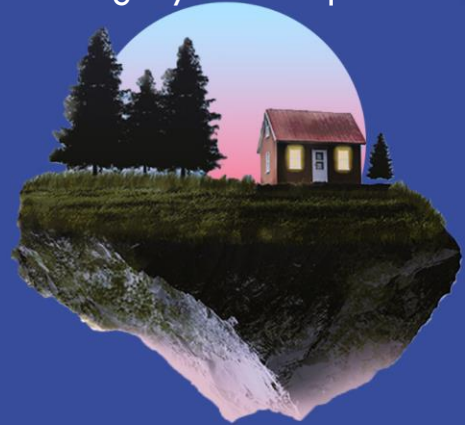


[24] “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. [25] The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. (Matthew 7:24-25)



Depending on God to build long-term value and legacy in us requires:

- i. God-principles that shape work and family practices



Some Work life Habits that impact the Home:

- commitment to live out God's values at home and at work consistently
- expression of value to your loved ones at least equally if not more than your colleagues
- praying for & desiring God's purposes both at home and work with equal passion



Depending on God to build long-term value and legacy in us requires:

ii. Courage to live out and share your values despite misunderstanding and criticism

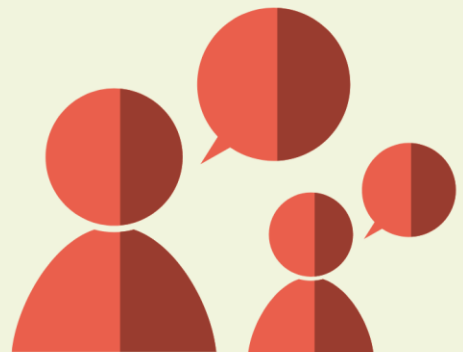
^[13] Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ^[14] But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened." ^[15] But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ^[16] keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ^[17] It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

(1 Peter 3:13-17)



Some ways of living and communicating our faith-values:

- Live a life of Christ-Lordship (Christ as Lord)
- Give thoughtful answers (Be prepared)
- Honour other people's experience and stance (Gentleness and respect)
- Desire God's favour rather than man's (Better ... God's will to suffer)





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- Don't have a deep faith themselves to impart?
 - Grow your own faith so as to impart to others
- Don't know how to do it?
 - Seek equipping, read up and understand
- Leave it to Sunday School / YM / Church to do it?
 - Own your family discipleship rather than parse it out
- All the above?
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