



# Building Your House

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Preparing your fields, before you build the house.

# By Wisdom and Understanding

- **Pro 24:3-4** *“Through wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established; By knowledge the rooms are filled With all precious and pleasant riches.”*
- Proverbs are given to us so that we may grow in wisdom, understanding & knowledge
  - **Pro 1:1-7**
- When you treasure wisdom in your heart, understanding will protect you.
  - **Pro 2:1-11**
- Listen to the instruction of a father
  - **Pro 4:1-9**

# God Helps Us Build

- He gives us a foundation and teachers to help us build.
  - **1Cor 3:5-15**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Principle
  - **Matthew 6:33** *"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."*
- To build a home we must first be prepared to work to support ourselves and others.
  - **Pro 24:27** *"Prepare your outside work, Make it fit for yourself in the field; And afterward build your house."*
  - **Pro 14:1** *"The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish pulls it down with her hands."*

# Building A Home Requires Many Choices

- Work ~ **Pro 12:11**
- Where to Live ~ **Gen 13:5-11**
- Companions ~ **Eccl 4:9-12**
- Spouse ~ **1Cor 7:32-35**
- Raising children ~ **Eph 6:4**
- How we spend our money ~ **Pro 22:7**
- And certainly all the things we choose to do in our home; rejoicing, prayer, scripture reading, etc.
  - **Joshua 24:15** “...But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”“

# The Value of Work

- **Proverbs 12:11** *“He who tills his land will be satisfied with bread, But he who follows frivolity is devoid of understanding.”*
- **Proverbs 13:11** *“Wealth gained by dishonesty will be diminished, But he who gathers by labor will increase.”*
- **Proverbs 14:23** *“In all labor there is profit, But idle chatter leads only to poverty.”*
- **Eccl 2:24** *“Nothing is better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God.”*

# Prepare Yourself To Work

- **Proverbs 22:29** *“Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings ...”*
- **Proverbs 24:27** *“Prepare your outside work, Make it fit for yourself in the field; And afterward build your house.”*
- **1 Timothy 6:1-2** *“Let as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed.2 And those who have believing masters, let them not despise them because they are brethren, but rather serve them because those who are benefited are believers and beloved. Teach and exhort these things.”*

# Don't Be Lazy

- **Proverbs 6:6-11** *“Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, 7 Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler, 8 Provides her supplies in the summer, And gathers her food in the harvest. 9 How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When will you rise from your sleep? 10 A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to sleep—11 So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.”*
- **Proverbs 10:4-5** *“He who has a slack hand becomes poor, But the hand of the diligent makes rich. He who gathers in summer is a wise son; He who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.”*
- **Proverbs 10:26** *“As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, So is the lazy man to those who send him.”*

# However, Don't Overwork

- **Proverbs 23:4** *“Do not overwork to be rich; Because of your own understanding, cease!”*
- **Proverbs 15:16** *“Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, Than great treasure with trouble.”*
- **1 Timothy 6:6-10** *“Now godliness with contentment is great gain.7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”*

# Making A Home

- **It is a work that requires teaching and training**
- **Titus 2:3-5** *“the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things—that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.”*
- **Proverbs 31:10-31**
  - I read recently that a wife’s salary would be around \$120,000 if she was compensated for all her work.
  - This underestimates the value of a woman who is excellent at this work, according to God.
  - If a man hired people to manage his household and do all the work, he still wouldn’t have someone who blessed him the way a virtuous wife does!