

The Mighty Works of the Lord: Building The City

Day 1

Obedience & Joy

Most of us see obedience to a higher authority as the definition of work. Biblically, this is not work but the foundation of joy itself.

Check out this article to learn more:

<https://renovare.org/articles/the-joy-of-obedience>

Verses: 1 John 5:1-5, Isaiah 1:19, Luke 11:28

Prayer Topics: Submission, Rewards, Gratitude

Day 2

Twice the Joy

We learned yesterday that we should find joy in obedience as Christians. Today we will learn that there is another joy to be found in obedience.

Check out this devotional to learn more:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/the-pleasure-of-god-in-obedience>

Verses: 1 Samuel 15:22, Romans 14:17, Psalm 16:11

Prayer Topics: Abundance, Peace, Hope

Day 3

Purpose

What were you made for? Why are you here? Does life have purpose, and if so, what is that purpose? To investigate these questions, check out this devotional:

<https://medium.com/nighttimethoughts/joyful-obedience-4ab6939f060b>

Verses: Luke 22:42, 1 Peter 5:6, Hebrews 5:7-10

Prayer Topics: Meaning, Confidence, Strength

Day 4

The Joy of Community

When Ezra was rebuilding the community, he did so on the law. When we build the community, we do so on Christ. Our obedience comes not out of obligation, but out of gratitude. Is that obedience a burden or a joy?

Check out this devotional to find out more:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/our-joyful-duty>

Verses: Isaiah 61:10, Habakkuk 3:17-18, Psalm 30:4-5

Prayer Topics: Support, Generosity, Comfort

Day 5

Thanks to Sylvester Warsaw, Jr for our devotional today

Worshiping God is essential and non-negotiable in building the kingdom here on earth as He builds His kingdom in the hearts of men. Worship reveals our heart of who and what we worship, what's meaningful and valuable in our life. Our worship of God is the outward manifestation of what's in our heart. Worshiping the true and living God can't be manufactured for worship is organic and comes from our reverence and relationship with God. Let me be clear about what I mean saying worship can't be manufactured. Satan has people who masquerade as children of God and Scripture refers to them as wolves in sheep clothing. Wolves exist to steal, kill and destroy by appealing to the flesh of men. The purpose of wolves is to worship self instead of the true and living God. Wolves smell and hit differently because their actions are to deceive people instead of building them up. Whereas God values His creation and man the wolf doesn't value God's creation or man. Do you not know that

our worship of God is the strategy He devised to combat the ills of this world as He builds His kingdom in the heart of man. Think about it God sent His only begotten Son into a very violent world, a world of rebellion that tries to live independently of Him and He's the One who created the heavens and the earth. Worshiping God means our heart and mind is on Him. There are promises we have in Him when our mind is on Him, the fruit of the Spirit, Gal. 5:22-26. Worship of God requires holiness because God is holy and we worship Him in the beauty of holiness in spirit and truth, Heb.12:14. There's a noticeable difference between a disciple of Christ Jesus and a church goer. What is erroneously understood by people they see and understand the building as the church when in fact those that gather are a mixed multitude just like those who came out of Egypt. When in fact the church is in the heart of men, hearts, mind and body that has been circumcised by the Holy Spirit for the good works God has planned for His people to produce fruit, John 17:20-26.