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First: Two Necessary DEFINITIONS

1. Life's Purposes:

2. Life Goals:

Romans 12:2 (Ph.) "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all His demands, and moves toward the goal of true maturity."

Second: Two Necessary TOOLS

1. The Mind of Christ

1 Corinthians 2:16 (NASB) "For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ."

Tools for building that I'll share this morning is:

2. Clarity of Vision

Colossians 3:1-3 (NASB) "Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God."

Third: How can you BUILD from the ground up?

Start by building of the FOUNDATION of Christ.

Colossians 2:6-7 (NASB) "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith."

Question: Is Christ and His Kingdom my first priority?

Matthew 6:33 (NASB) "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Building block number one is PERSONHOOD.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come."

Question: What kind of person am I becoming?

- **Newness in Christ:** 2 Corinthians 5:17
- **Genuine assurance:** 1 John 5:11-13
- **Self-acceptance:** Psalms 139:13-16
- **Balanced growth:** Ephesians 4:15
- **Gift discovery:** 1 Corinthians 11: 1 & 7
- **Inner fruit:** Galatians 5:22-23

How to build from the ground up.

Building block number two is your life [MESSAGE](#).

Matthew 5:13-16 (NASB) “You are the salt of the earth ... You are the light of the world ... Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

Developing your life message includes:

➤ [Making Christ Central in your life](#) – Philippians 3:10

Philippians 3:10 (NASB) “That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering, being conformed to His death.”

➤ [Internalizing the Word of God](#) – Psalm 119:9 & 11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

➤ [Developing your Spiritual Gifts](#) – 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6

Question: What do other people see in my life? What does my life say to others?

Building block number three is your [MINISTRY](#).

John 7:37-38 (NASB) “If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living waters.’”

Question: How can I share my life with other people?

Building block number four is your [HOME](#).

Matthew 7:24 (NASB) “Every one who hears these word of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock.”

Question: How can I make my home a platform for my ministry?

Building block number five is your [WORK](#).

Colossians 3:3:17,23-24 (NASB) “Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. ... Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, ²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.”

Question: How can I allow Christ to have a maximum ministry through my life in my career?

APPLICATION

1. Make a list of things you need to do to adjust your life to accommodate His Lordship over your life.
2. Make a plan to bring your life into conformity to His character.
3. Make sure your actions are consistent with your beliefs and values.
4. Develop a strategy for making your home (oikos) a ministry center for reaching your area of influence.
5. In your strategy incorporate your occupation in the proclamation of your life message

Memory verse: 1 Corinthians 3:10-11 (NASB) “According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”