

Foundation builders for Multidimensional Leaders

NLT 2 Timothy 2:18-19 They have left the path of truth, claiming that the resurrection of the dead has already occurred; in this way, they have turned some people away from the faith. ¹⁹ But God's truth stands firm like a foundation stone with this inscription: "The LORD knows those who are his," and "All who belong to the LORD must turn away from evil."

Paul's Charge to Timothy: Be Strong Doing Your Best for God

Paul was in a Roman prison (bonds) because of the gospel he preached. The truth about Jesus is no more prevalent in our day than in Paul's; however, it still reaches receptive hearts. When Paul said Jesus was God, *he angered the Jews* who condemned Jesus for blasphemy, many Jews, however, became followers of Jesus (**1 Corinthians 1:24**). *He angered the Greeks* who thought divinity was soiled if it had any contact with humanity; however, still, many Greeks accepted the faith (**Acts 17:18-21**).

ML - Foundational Truth

The truth that Jesus is one person with two united natures has never been easy to understand, but that doesn't make it untrue.

NLT Isaiah 55:8 "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could ever imagine. The truth of God's Word is believed by people every day and changing their lives for *eternity*."

ML - Foundational Courage

Despite the opposition (hate speech) or outlook (prison/death), like Paul. Continue proclaiming Christ...some will listen and believe. It takes courage to lead and suffer for Christ's sake; but, it also takes courage to hear and then do what God says!

MSG James 1:22 "Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but letting the word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear!"

AMP James 1:22 "But prove yourself doers of the word [who hear the word but fail to internalize its meaning], deluding yourselves [by unsound reasoning contrary to the truth]."

It takes courage to be a doer of what Jesus said in ^{NLT} **Mark 16:15** And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.”

Ways of Foundational Building For Multidimensional Leaders

The question is, *how* does God lead us? The ways that God directs us are not limited to, but include these two ways.

1. **Scripture:**

Scripture is the primary means of divine guidance. The Bible is inspired, authoritative, inerrant, infallible. We often use these rich and meaningful words to describe the confidence in the Bible.

Perhaps I can express it a little better in the way a child could understand: “what the Bible says, God says!”

Take away: Because you are a multidimensional leader, and you desire to hear God speak, so, therefore...read your Bible!

Psalm 119:105 “Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.”

2. **The Holy Spirit:**

Not only did the Holy Spirit inspire men of old to write the scripture, through illumination he enables believers today to understand the truth, and He directs us in doing God’s will.

John 14:26 “But the **counselor**, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you”.

John 16:13 “When the Holy Spirit of **truth** comes, he will **guide** you into all truth.”

Acts 13:2 “The Holy Spirit said, “set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have **called** them”.

Because we live in a culture that increasingly leans toward commercialism, materialism, and secularism, it is not always easy to keep the soul nourished. The challenge of these days, when times are not hospitable to spiritual growth, is how to nurture, feed, heal, restore, and renew the soul.

The following are practical suggestions for building a stronger foundational spiritual life.

Jude 20 “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

- > Be a river, not a swamp - Rivers are constantly being refreshed and renewed with flowing waters. Swamps collect and retain water that comes their way. Don't be the kind of person that seeks to accumulate much before allowing a little to flow through.
- > Take a step of faith - Foundational growth means taking a leap of faith from time to time. This means trusting God to provide what may be needed for success, rather than trying to gather everything in place before starting something important. (**Proverbs 3:5-6**)
- > Be a grateful person - Thankful is a gesture, a word. Grateful is an action ^{NIV} **Matthew 7:12** “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.
- > Serve - **John 13:4-5** “so he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, and poured water into the basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel around him. Stop being the 80, start being the 20.
- > Cultivate a little solitude - In quietness, we turn our minds away from the problems of life and fix our thoughts on the mind of God.
- > Turn your worries over to God - “Give your burdens to the Lord, and he will take care of you” (**Psalms 55:22**). Do this each time a worry crops up.
- > Use it or lose it - God has generously endowed each of us with unique gifts and talents. “Use your gifts faithfully, and they shall be enlarged; practice what you know, and you shall attain to higher knowledge” (poet Sie Edwin Arnold). The Jabez prayer **1 Chronicles 4:9-10**

- > Be reliable - Do what you say you will do, whether it's convenient or not. By your actions shows others you are a person who can be trusted and counted upon.
- > Exercise your power of choice - No matter what happens to you, you always have the freedom to choose. You can select joy over despair, love over hate, forgiveness over revenge, growth over stagnation. Remember that a crisis can evoke the best in us or the worst in us. The choice is yours!

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