

## *“THE STRUCTURED LIFE”*

**OBJECTIVE:** TO STUDY THE SCRIPTURES AND DEFINE GOD’S PRINCIPLES OF A GODLY STRUCTURED LIFE. EXPLORE THE BALANCE GOD DESIRES FOR OUR LIFE AS WE LIVE FOR HIM.

**KEY SCRIPTURES:** 2 PETER 1:2-4/MATTHEW 23:23/

JEREMIAH 33:3/COLOSSIANS 3:17



1CORINTHIANS 3:9-17

WE ARE GOD’S BUILDING! PAUL USES THIS TERMINOLOGY TO HELP THE CHURCH IDENTIFY HOW THEY ARE VIEWED THROUGH GOD’S EYES. THE TEMPLES AND CATHEDRALS WERE MAGNIFICENT. THEY WERE CREATED WITH VISION AND CREATIVITY AND SO WERE WE.

PAUL GOES ON TO TEACH THE CORINTHIAN CHURCH HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT THEY BUILD THEIR SPIRITUAL LIVES ON THE FOUNDATION OF JESUS CHRIST.

THE STRUCTURE OF WHO WE BECOME IS BUILT ON THE FOUNDATION OF WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST JESUS.

THE POWER TO GROW DOESN'T COME FROM WITHIN US, BUT FROM GOD. GOD ALLOWS US TO BECOME PARTAKERS OF HIS DIVINE NATURE. THIS HELPS US ESCAPE THE SNARES OF SIN AND UNGODLINESS TO LIVE FRUITFULLY FOR HIM.

OUR FAITH IS THE FIRST PART OF OUR STRUCTURE. WITHOUT IT WE CAN NOT PLEASE GOD. (HEBREWS 11:6)

**OUR FAITH** WILL BE LINKED WITH YOUR WORKS AND ACTIONS IN LIFE. WE CAN SAY THAT WE HAVE FAITH BUT SO MANY OF OUR ACTIONS REVEAL OUR LIMITED OR NON EXEISTENT FAITH. (MATTHEW 8:23-27)

OUR STRUCTURE GROWS AS OUR FAITH GROWS. MOST OF OUR LIFE EXPERIENCES ARE DESIGNED BY GOD TO HELP OUR FAITH GROW. STRUCTURE IS WHAT WE ARRANGE ACCORDING TO A PLAN. THIS IS WHY VISION IS SO IMPORTANT. EVERYTHING, WE DO ON OUR JOBS, IN OUR FAMILIES, WHAT WE DO IN CHURCH, AND HOW WE PLAN IS A PART OF OUR STRUCTURE.

FAITH ALLOWS CONSISTENT HABITS WHICH CREATES BALANCE IN YOUR LIFE.

**GOD USES STRUCTURE AND BALANCE TO HELP US DISCIPLE AND BE DISCIPLED. PRAY FOR PEOPLE. READ SCRIPTURE WITH PEOPLE. TEACH PEOPLE. DO THAT WITH PEOPLE AND HAVE PEOPLE DO THAT WITH YOU.**