

What are you building?

Building Barns (lego) (Build some lego silos)

Luke 12:16-21 (NIV2011)

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest.

¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

¹⁸ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain.

¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”

²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

²¹ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Sometimes building is totally selfish. To make us look good, or successful or to make things easier later on. Now building barns isn’t an issue, the issue in this verse is the taking it easy, eating, drinking and being merry. Even those things aren’t the issue, but the issue is that those things become the focus of life.

Notice v 21.

²¹ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

It’s about a selfish perspective.

Building Houses (Build a lego house)

Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV2011)

²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

This is an explanation of doing it right and doing it first time. Build on solid ground not unstable ground. Start with a solid foundation.

It's also about doing what's best for family. Solid house, protection and safety for the family.

Building Walls (Build lego city Walls)

Nehemiah 3:1-2 (NIV2011)

¹ Eliashib the high priest and his fellow priests went to work and rebuilt the Sheep Gate. They dedicated it and set its doors in place, building as far as the Tower of the Hundred, which they dedicated, and as far as the Tower of Hananel.

² The men of Jericho built the adjoining section, and Zakkur son of Imri built next to them.

What was building the wall of Jerusalem about? Protection of God's people. But notice each person did their job. Each person fixed their bit. Building walls is about safety but Nehemiah used the process to bring people together.

Building people (Build a church)

Ephesians 2:19-22 (NIV2011)

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,

²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

The building metaphor is used to show us how to build people. Notice the language. Foundation, cornerstone, joined together.

Most people have seen a house being built, yet few ever take notice of the process. It is the same with people. Do we take notice of the process of building people up. Do we take notice of the process to build our church up.

Notice the process in Ephesians.

Built on Jesus v20 (Cornerstone) Everything is measured by Him, measured from Him and directed by Him.

Foundation of the disciples and prophets v20 This in part refers to the bible, written by disciples and prophets but also refers to the handing down of authoritative teaching.

The aim / plan – is to be a temple (v22) A place where God is worshipped and taught.

But notice at the beginning v19 where it says fellow citizens and members of the household. Not only are we part of the making of the building, we are part of the purpose of the building.