

Fixing it does not always fix it

Warning!!! When we fix by sight it could actually end in a disaster - Prov 16:25 There is **a way that SEEMS right to a man**, but in the end it **LEADS TO DEATH**.

We have a tendency to keep missing the main life warning - 2 Cor 5:7 We live by faith, **NOT** by sight.

Jesus made it clear, when it comes to the dangers of trying to fix things instead of trusting in HIM - Matt 16:21-23 - 21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that **he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that be killed and on the third day be raised to life**. 22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" 23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! **YOU ARE A STUMBLING BLOCK TO ME**; you do not **have in mind THE THINGS OF GOD**, but the **things of men***."

We often pursue outcomes driven by fleshly desires, rather than guided by true spirituality - Matt 10:34-37 - 34 "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did **not come to bring peace, but a sword**. 35 For I have come to turn "'a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— 36 **a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.**' 37 "Anyone who **loves his father or mother more than me** is not worthy of me; anyone who **loves his son or daughter more than me** is not worthy of me;

Many of the ways God works in our lives may not make sense to us—so we must walk by faith.

How He strengthens us - 2Cor 12:7-10 - 7 To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was **given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me**. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9 But he said to me, "**MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU, FOR MY POWER IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS.**" Therefore I will **boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses**, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 10 **That is why**, for Christ's sake, **I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties**. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

How HE trains us - 1 Peter 1:6-7 - 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come **so that YOUR FAITH** — of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire — **may be proved genuine** and **may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed**

Altogether, God works in our lives to lead us into deeper trust in Him - 2 Cor 1:8-11 - 8 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, FAR BEYOND OUR ABILITY TO ENDURE, so that we despaired even of life. 9 Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But **THIS HAPPENED THAT WE MIGHT NOT RELY ON OURSELVES BUT ON GOD**, who raises the dead. 10 He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us,

We must understand, "meaning well" without reverence could be deadly wrong - 1 Chron 13:7-10 - 7 They moved the ark of God from Abinadab's house on a new cart, with Uzzah and Ahio guiding it. 8 David and all the Israelites were celebrating with all their might before God, with songs and with harps, lyres, tambourines, cymbals and trumpets. 9 When they came to the threshing floor of Kidon, **Uzzah reached out his hand to steady the ark**, because the oxen stumbled. 10 **THE LORD'S ANGER BURNED AGAINST UZZAH**, and **he struck him down BECAUSE HE HAD PUT HIS HAND ON THE ARK**. So he died there before God.

The only way to correctly fix EVERYTHING is by trusting in God

Make sure the outcome purpose is sound - Gal 6:7-8 - 7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 The one who **sows to please his sinful nature**, from that nature **will reap destruction**; the one who **sows to please the Spirit**, from the Spirit **will reap eternal life**.

Apply the appropriate type of intelligence - 1 Cor 3:18-21 - 18 Do not deceive yourselves. If any one of you thinks he is **wise by the standards of this age**, he should **become a "fool"** so that he may **become wise**. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness"; 20 and again, "The Lord knows that the **thoughts of the wise are futile.**"

Parents must train their children—not to merely mend the flesh, but to edify the spirit - Eph 6:4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the **training and instruction OF THE LORD**.

We as believers must pursue Godly training to correct our ways and resist fleshly deception - 1 Tim 4:7-8 - 7 Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, **TRAIN YOURSELF TO BE GODLY**. 8 For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

Through it all, stay Heavenly focused - *Col 3:2 Set your **minds on things above**, **NOT on earthly things**

Fixing things correctly will be by trusting in God, while NOT trusting in self - Prov 3:5-7 - 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and **lean not on your own understanding**; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. 7 **Do not be wise in your own eyes**; fear the Lord and shun evil.