

True foundation

There is only ONE reliable foundation - 1 Cor 3:10-15 - 10 By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. 11 For **NO ONE CAN LAY ANY FOUNDATION OTHER THAN THE ONE ALREADY LAID, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST**. 12 If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 13 his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. 14 If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. 15 If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

- Foundation – It's what holds everything up. What it's based on. This is what make or breaks the building
- Building – the actual structure may look different from person to person

Make sure you calling is SURE - 2 Peter 1:10-11 - 10 Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is extremely dangerous for us to change wrong for right - 5:20 - 20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

We are in a dangerous time where we are dictating what's preached to us not God - 2 Tim 4:3-5 - 3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

The true foundation explained - Luke 6:46-49 - 46 "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and **do not do what I say?** 47 I will show you what he is like who comes to me and **HEARS MY WORDS** and **PUTS THEM INTO PRACTICE**. 48 He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. 49 But the one who **HEARS MY WORDS** and **DOES NOT PUT THEM INTO PRACTICE** is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."

Make no mistake the Bible is the Word of God - 2 Tim 3:15-17 - 15 and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 **ALL SCRIPTURE** is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- **The family & tradition foundation:** as long as it's supported by my family and the traditions I've been taught then I'll follow it other than that we have a problem.

My family was never meant to be " THE PURPOSE" - Matt 10:37-38 - 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**;

- **Cultural foundation** – as long as it fits what my culture says is right and sacred then I will follow it.

Man has the habit of putting traditions and teachings of men before God - Mark 7:5-10 - 5 So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?" 6 He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. 7 They **worship me in vain**; their teachings are but rules taught by men." 8 You have **let go of the commands of God** and are **holding on to the traditions of men.**" 9 And he said to them: "You have a **FINE WAY OF SETTING ASIDE THE COMMANDS OF GOD IN ORDER TO OBSERVE YOUR OWN TRADITIONS!**

- **The all-inclusive foundation:** as long as it's supports every person and every viewpoint leaving nothing and no one out then we are all in.

We can't just mean well we must Live within HIS Will - Matt 7:21-23 - 21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but ONLY HE who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' →

→ Matt 7:13-14 - 13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

- **Common sense foundation:** As long as it makes common sense, fit's the way that seems right to me, and I see as "reality" then its fine. Other than that I reject it.

My senses are dangerous - Prov 16:25 There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

It's based on Trusting God not on your understanding - 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.

- **As long as you mean well foundation:** As long as you mean well and you feel your heart is in the right place you will be fine.

Life is fully based on Faith!!! - 2 Cor 5:7 We live by faith, not by sight.

- **The foundation of me:** It must cater to my success and my desires. As long as you keep my attention, I like what I hear, & it makes me feel good about me I will listen and apply

The driving force of our lives is God's mercy not what we desire - Rom 9:16-18 - 16 It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." 18 Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.

How to recognize and build on the TRUE Foundation

Our entire relationship with God must have Spirit & Truth - John 4:23-24 - 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers **must worship** in spirit and in truth."

The Bible is Spiritual and is Spiritually understood - 1 Cor 2:13-16 - 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. 14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment: 16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Stop conforming to the world because it's not our home - Rom 12:2 - 2 **DO NOT conform any longer to the pattern of this world**, but **BE TRANSFORMED** by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.

As Jesus showed it must be from the Bible and based on God - Matt 4:2-10 - 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." 4 Jesus answered, "**It is written:** 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For *it is written:* "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus answered him, "**It is also written:** 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." 10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For **it is written:** 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" "

Avoid the false foundations - 2 Tim 2:16-19 - 16 Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. 17 Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 who have wandered away from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and **they destroy the faith of some.** 19 Nevertheless, **GOD'S SOLID FOUNDATION STANDS FIRM**, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "**Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness.**" "