

Discipleship Tip: Praying

"Teach people to pray and 80% of your pastoring will be done for you." – Kong Hee

If we teach people how to pray and how to read their bible, many of their issues will be resolved by the Holy Spirit and revelation. God will give them an answer or a strategy.

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Building God's House – Ps David Sumrall

How do we develop the people of God?

As people, we can get very attached to money, as we 'exchange' our time/life for it in our work. If the church can develop its 'people of God' with the correct attitude, it will not need to even talk to its people about money, as these resources will flow naturally.

The New Church

Jesus described the new Church as 'a lampstand' (Rev 1:20). Each of us are individual lamps who 'release the light of God' into our city. Joined, we become a beacon of light.

Each church has been given a unique challenge and destiny by God. As a church, it is our destiny to deliver on this – if we don't, it will be removed and given to another church as God still requires that His ministry is completed. Sometimes the reward for faithfulness (e.g. completing the challenge that God has given us as a church) is more work - a new challenge, but this is a blessing.

A church that does not fulfil its destiny can lose it and become lost itself. This can happen when its people live a life of guilt without repentance and when its members choose personal present blessing over the church's destiny.

There are times when we need to defer our own needs and desires in order to support the church's destiny.

Our promise to God

It is better not to make a promise to God than to make one and not fulfil it. It is 'by the Spirit' that God's vision will prosper. We need to step out of our business and logical minds and into God's spirit when we make our promises to God. Often, we approve of the vision (of building God's house) but not the timing (Hag 1:2). We like to put things off and therefore to move the responsibility onto others to fulfil. We can become too busy caring for our own house to build God's.

Those who do commit to building God's house also find that their own house will prosper. If we build God's vision, He will build our vision. God provides seed to the sower (not the eater or reaper). God always begins by giving to us first. Even David knew towards the end of his life that all of his great riches were due to God and belonged to Him – David was just the steward of them.

God gives us seed to sow to produce:

- a harvest to eat
- more seed to sow

TALK ABOUT

- **Are you building God's house first?**
- **When you have put growing God's house first, how have you seen Him grow your house?**
- **What seed has God given you to sow?**

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Welcome Lunch

The next Welcome Lunch is coming up on Sunday July 11th at 11:00am, in the Glasshouse at the Oxford Falls Campus. If you're new or would like to know more about C3 Church, come along, meet our Pastors and enjoy a delicious complimentary lunch. To RSVP or for more questions, go to the Concierge Desk in the foyer or email welcomelunch@myc3church.net

