

Actively Building God's House

Objective

- Participants will be able to survey OT and NT Scriptures to discover the mental shift needed to become an active builder of God's house.

"I am suggesting that congregations across America are weak because many of us church members have lost the biblical understanding of what it means to be a part of the body of Christ. We join our churches expecting others to serve us, to feed us, and to care for us. We don't like the hypocrites in the church, but we fail to see our own hypocrisies." Thom Rainer

How do I move from "I Am A Member of the Church" to "I Will Actively Build God's House"?

I. Building the Physical Tabernacle - Exodus 36:1-3

Principles Learned

1. The physical tabernacle was an idea that _____ with God. (Exodus 25:8)
2. The physical tabernacle was accomplished by people with _____ from God. (Ex. 36:1-2)
3. The physical tabernacle required the rendering of their _____ unto God. (Ex. 36:3)

II. Building the Spiritual Tabernacle - Hebrews 9:1-3, 11-12

Principle Learned

4. The spiritual tabernacle eternally established by Jesus is _____ the physical tabernacle erected by human hands.

III. Building Requires Self Discipline – I Cor. 10:23

"God did not give us local churches to become country clubs where membership means we have privileges and perks. He placed us in churches to serve, to care for others, to pray for leaders, to learn, to teach, to give, and, in some cases, to die for the sake of the gospel." Thom Rainer

- Edify- Construct- Build Up = Greek compound word
- oikos _____ + domeo _____ = Housebuilder

Principles Learned

5. I must discipline my mind daily to shift from solely focusing on the _____ building to actively focusing on the _____ building.
6. I must discipline my mind daily to shift from _____ to _____ service.

Questions to Ponder

- How disciplined are you toward serving others?
- How can you begin to apply the mindset of selfless service today?

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you." – John Bunyan