



Church**Alive**  
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## Build your house...

*“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”*

*Matthew 7:24-27*

These notes accompany the online message for the early weeks of January. Our prayer for you is that you will have the opportunity to pause and hear from God, and that this will set you up for success in the new year! In person services resume on Sunday 14 January 2024.

To REVIEW means to stop and look back and evaluate the current way things are. Are you satisfied? What are you celebrating?  
Are there regrets? What can you learn?

To REFLECT involves thought and prayer. Experience can be such a valuable catalyst for healing and learning if we take the time to reflect on them.

To REFOCUS helps with clarity for your Next Step. We recommend that you apply these steps as you enter the new year, and that these essential steps will become a regular rhythm that you adopt and refine.

\_\_\_\_\_ is the best teacher,  
so take time to \_\_\_\_\_

- John Maxwell

What is a SITE MEETING?

A meeting with contractors and the owner to check on progress throughout a building project. If it's a new building, they inspect what has been built. If it's an upgrade or re-modelling, then they check the addition or installation. If there has been a storm, they check damages, and make plans for demolition and rebuilding.

We need to do a 'Site Meeting' assessment of our lives on a regular basis. Here are 12 essential areas to build a great house:

We recommend that you take time once a month to evaluate each area.

1. Score each with a grade A – D  
(Awesome! Beautiful progress. Change needed. Danger if things continue.)
2. Choose one or two areas to focus on that month and write down one sentence on how to improve in that area.

### RELATING TO GOD

1. \_\_\_\_\_

*"Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'"*

*Matthew 7:21-23*

2. \_\_\_\_\_

*God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. 1 Peter 4:10*

## RELATING TO THE WORLD

3. \_\_\_\_\_

*Then, accompanied by the disciples, Jesus left the upstairs room and went as usual to the Mount of Olives. Luke 22:39*

4. \_\_\_\_\_

*Honour the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Proverbs 3:9*

5. \_\_\_\_\_

*Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people  
Colossians 3:23*

6. \_\_\_\_\_

*And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It's better to enter eternal life with only one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.  
Matthew 18:9*

## RELATING TO MYSELF

7. \_\_\_\_\_

*Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.  
Proverbs 4:23*

8. \_\_\_\_\_

*Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.*

*1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

9. \_\_\_\_\_

### RELATING TO OTHERS

10. \_\_\_\_\_

Q1 What one thing, if it got better, would make the biggest difference?

Q2 What am I not doing that I should be doing?

Q3 What am I doing that I should stop doing?

11. \_\_\_\_\_

*Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body.*

*1 Corinthians 6:18*

12. \_\_\_\_\_

*Walk with the wise and become wise;  
associate with fools and get in trouble.*

*Proverbs 13:20*

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