

THE BLUEPRINT FOR CHRISTIAN SUCCESS series Pt6

Understanding the Essentials to Christian Success

John 8:29/Joshua 1:8



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- **RECAP**

Blueprints are the designated designs required for building or constructing some type of “Structure”. ALSO known as Plans

BLUEPRINTS Reveal the mind of Architect

- **The ARCHITECT – designs and supervises construction**

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The first step in laying a Christian foundation is our recognition of Jesus as the Son of God

The 6 Foundational Practices/Principles summed up

1. Personal Encounter

2. Personal Empowerment

3. Personal Expectation

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God Always Desire Relationship/Fellowship with His Creation

1. In Israel He placed a dwelling(**Tabernacle**) in their midst
2. In believers, he wants to make us his dwelling place(**Tabernacle**)

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The Holy Place & Its Furnishings Matt 4:4

Table of Shewbread – Bread of Presence

- *Jesus is the Living Bread of Life – He is the Source/Satisfaction of our Life/Living*

The Golden Candlestick

- *The Godhead is the source. Jesus light of the world & lamp to our life*

Altar of Incense

- *Jesus, Holy Spirit & Saints are Intercessors before the Lord*

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- Ark of Covenant – Ark of Testimony**

- *A symbol of God's Testimonies & Manifested Presence*

- Mercy Seat**

- *Throne of God where he communicates his will & judge our sins with mercy!*

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FIRST ESSENTIAL STEP TO CHRISTIAN SUCCESS

- **Our willingness to be transformed into the “Image of Christ”**
- *He must increase, but I must decrease. Jn 3:30*

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What is meant by Image?

- **Image**(*εἰκῶνα* - *eikōna*) –Something having been formed to resemble something else. Resemblance (*similarity in nature, appearance, behavior, etc.*). A representation.

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The Image of Christ for Us & Our Resemblance

As the Temple-

– *We are a Holy Temple*

Jn 2:19-21

1Cor 3:16

As the Light to the World -

– *We are children of light*

Jn 8:12

1Th 5:5

As the bread of Life

Jn 6:35

(He gives his life for the life of the world)-

– *We are required to lay down our life for the brethren*

1Jn 3:16

As the Son of God-

– *We are the Children of God*

Jn 3:16

1Jn 3:1

As the Vine-

– *We are the Branches*

Jn 15:5

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- **We Should even bare the Image of Jesus Works**
- *I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. **Jn 14:12***

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- **Jesus works consisted of:**

1. Healing
2. Miracles
3. Teaching
4. Discipling
5. Evangelizing
6. Good Deeds
7. Good Conduct
8. Leading
9. Feeding the Hungry...etc

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- **Second Essential Step**
- **Conformity of Our Character**
- *Light exposes the true character of everything¹⁴ because light makes everything easy to see.....¹⁵ So then, be very careful how you live.*
Eph 5:13-14,15(a)

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Character will be tested Before Success can manifest

- *Until the time came to fulfill his dreams,* the LORD tested Joseph's character. ²⁰ Then Pharaoh sent for him and set him free; the ruler of the nation opened his prison door. ²¹ Joseph was put in charge of all the king's household; he became ruler over all the king's possessions. Ps 105:19-21*

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An unchecked Character can avert Success

- **Example**
- **King Saul - 1 Sam 15:1-34**

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- **THIRD ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT**
- **This third essential step for Christian success is “Doing the will of God”**

Jesus recognized his greatest “satisfaction” was in doing the will of God

- **Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.
Jn 4:34**

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“Doing the Will of God”

- Christian success lies in Our willingness to do God’s will before knowing God’s will **1Cor 2:9**
- Our success is measured by how well we carry out the will of God **Matt 7:21**
- OBEDIENCE is the essential ingredient to “Doing Gods Will” **Josh. 1:8(ICB)**

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