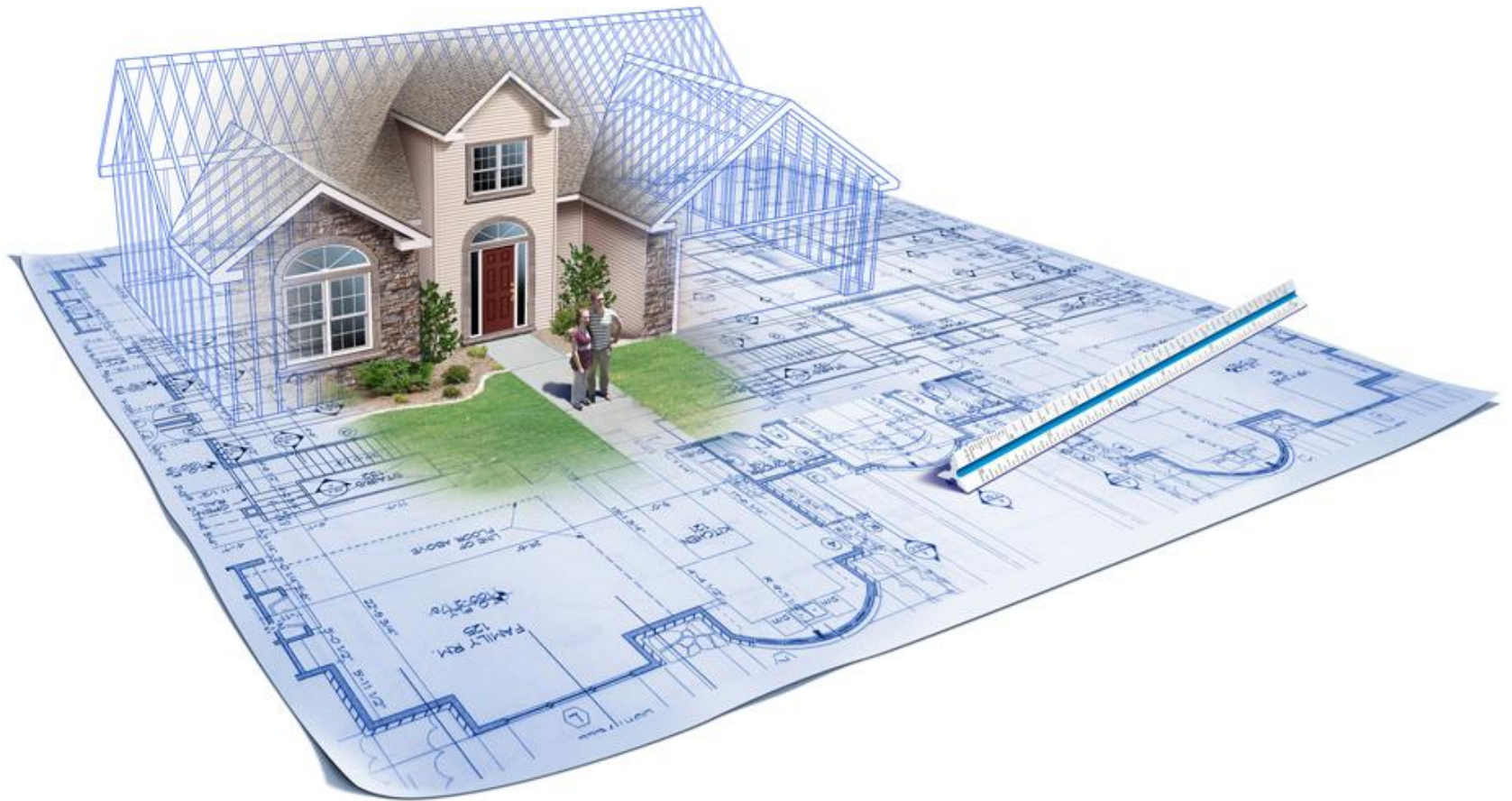


The Blueprint for Christian Success



2 Timothy 3:16-17; Ephesians 2:19-22



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- Blueprints are the designated designs required for building or constructing some type of “Structure”.
- **BLUEPRINTS** are also known as “**PLANS**”



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BLUEPRINTS ensure that the “**Structure**” will be:

- Sound
- Stable
- Well Built



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- **BLUEPRINTS** Reveal the mind of the Architect



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- Scripture Identify Believers as a type of **“Structure”** - Eph 2:19-22
- *Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.*



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A. Just Like a BLUEPRINT, the Word of God provides several significant services:

1. It serves as a guide - Ps 119:105
2. It assures firmness & stability - Ps 33:11 (GW)
3. It provides proper planning - Ps 138:8 (NLT)
4. It outlines the requirements & substances needed for the building up of the structure
 - 2 Cor 9:10 (NLT)
 - Deut 10:12



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- **IDENTIFYING CHRISTIAN SUCCESS**

- **Worldview:**

Recognition & acknowledgement of ones
“accomplishments”.

Christians should define success in:

- Recognition & acknowledgement of our “attempt to live life” apart from GOD...with the intent & willingness to change (*or do things His way.*)



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- 5 key components for Success

1. Repentance (from dead works)

- This is the first step necessary leading to success.
- **It Means:** I recognize & acknowledge that I have been trying to construct my life apart from the Architect's original plans/design. I want to change the way I think!
- *Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance... Matt 3:8*
- *Therefore produce fruit consistent with repentance. (HCSB)*



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2. Humility

- Recognizes that I cannot live my life apart from God's plan
 - *He leads the humble in the right way and teaches them his will.*
Ps 25:9 (TEV)

3. Faith (toward God)

- I totally trust in the plans God has orchestrated for my life
 - *Show me your faithful love this morning. I trust in you. Show me what I should do. I put my life in your hands! Ps 143:8 (ETRV)*



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4. Submission (to The Word)

- I am willing to study, learn and apply the plans (blueprint/Word) of God
 - *However, the person who continues to study God's perfect teachings that make people free and who remains committed to them will be blessed. People like that don't merely listen and forget; they actually do what God's teachings say. Jas 1:25(GW)*



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5. Prayer

I want constant communication with the Architect to assure I am constructing my life in accordance to his original design.

- *Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice. Ps 55:17*



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- *I know the plans that I have for you, declares the LORD. They are plans for peace and not disaster, plans to give you a future filled with hope. Jer 29:11*